

AGENDA | TOWN COMMONS COMMITTEE MEETING | JULY 15, 2025

1. Quarterly Newsletter – Summer Newsletter Content (see draft)
2. Event with Michael Douglas Maine Primitive on September, 25 at 5pm
3. 2024-25 Budget Finalization
 - a. Island Redesign
 - b. Chestnut trees
 - c. Remaining budget to be used towards purchasing posts for the future sign project or any last-minute needs that arrive before the end of the budget season.
4. Bowdoin College GIS Mapping Class
5. Trail Mapping Updates
6. Funding opportunities for Trail Work
7. Future Budget Considerations
 - a. New Trail Signage (large cost) – unlikely to happen until 2026-2027
 - b. Trail Map Redesign (minimal cost)
 - c. Updated Natural Resource Inventory/Management Plan (large cost)
 - d. Accessibility Assessment (low cost)
 - e. General Maintenance
 - f. Chestnut Saplings (low cost)
 - g. Goat Trail Adoption (unknown costs based on DEP report): State report is waiting on the Spring for assessment of vernal pools. Possible costs could include state permits, further environmental studies, rerouting trails, bog bridging and how much might be required.
8. Other Items Not on the Agenda?

National Forest Foundation

NFF Grant Programs

Through its on-the-ground conservation programs, the National Forest Foundation supports action-oriented projects that directly enhance the health and well-being of America's National Forests and Grasslands and that engage the public in stewardship.

Nonprofit organizations dedicated to addressing natural resource issues on National Forests and Grasslands can apply for support to complete projects through three distinct grant programs.

Additionally, the NFF provides funding opportunities that address specific strategic initiatives aligned with our mission and goals.

See the table below to find the grant program that is right for your organization or project.

PROGRAM	FOCUS	GEOGRAPHY	FREQUENCY	DEADLINES	ELIGIBILITY & TYPE
Matching Awards Program	Community Engagement and Stewardship Activities that Connect People to Forests	National	2x/yr	Round 1: Feb. 7, 2025. Round 2: June 27, 2025	Nonprofit organizations, Tribal governments and organizations, and universities Open, Competitive Grant Rounds
Collaborative Capacity Program for Forests & Communities	Building collaborative capacity for forest stewardship	National	1x/yr	2025 Deadlines: Jul 25- Mini Grants. Aug 1- Standard Grants for Community Partner Applicants. Aug 22- Standard Grants for Tribal Applicants.	Nonprofit organizations, Tribal governments and organizations, local government entities, and colleges/universities Open, Competitive Grant Rounds
Treasured Landscapes, Unforgettable Experiences	Large Scale Restoration Initiatives At Select Sites	Multi-local	Varies	Invitation-Only	Nonprofits, Universities, Tribes, Businesses, State and Local Governments Invitation-Only

→ Collaborative Capacity Program for Forests & Communities could be an option, deadline is August 1 or 22, open to local government entities

Two For The Trails

Athletic Brewing

Past projects in the area:



Grant application window

- The next round of applications will be accepted in August of 2025 for projects or campaigns taking place in 2026, with award decisions in early November.

Eligibility

- any registered non-profit organization working in trail construction and maintenance, waterway protection, environmental stewardship and other outdoor conservation

→ Don't know if Brunswick Town Commons can apply?

BRUNSWICK TOWN COMMONS COMMITTEE **NEWSLETTER**

The newsletter will update Brunswick residents with happenings in the Town Commons.

Summer Edition

01

Chestnut planting

The committee plans to plant more chestnuts for the upcoming season. We are growing them in the town's nursery before we plant them to give them the best chance to survive.

02

Spring clean-up

Members of the committee and other Brunswick community members gathered on Saturday, May 31st to pick up trash at the Town Commons. Despite the rain, around 10 members showed up and successfully wrapped up the spring clean-up.

03

Educational Tour

Michael Douglas from Maine Primitive will hold a walk-through tour of the Brunswick Town Commons in late September. The walk through would be to examine the language of the woods through the plant and animals as he sees them. This event is available to the public.

04

Trail Mapping

The committee is working on a new mapping system to organize the trails in the Brunswick Town Commons. A finalized version of the map is expected to be complete by the end of summer.

05

History Trivia!

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If you want to get involved,

Join the Friends of The Brunswick Town Commons volunteer group, or sign up for XXXX

