

- Call to Order: June 17, 2025 at 5:02pm
- In Attendance: Jeremy Litchfield (chair), Mark Fochesato (vice-chair), Blaine Moore (secretary), Mike Ferry, Michael Halmo, Caleb Chang (BHS), Timothy Carr, Bobin Park (Bowdoin), Jym St. Pierre, Nathaniel Shed (town council), Dennis Wilson (town liaison, arborist), Henry Habern (public)
- **Spring Cleanup: We had poor weather but good results in the cleanup. Will schedule a Fall cleanup-date at a later meeting.**
- Quarterly Newsletter:
 - Newsletter went out in the third week of May.
 - Dennis will coordinate distributing copies to the Town Council members and other relevant parties for future issues.
 - Goal is for the next newsletter to go out in late August, so we should start thinking of topics to include and keep an eye out for relevant photos.
 - Dennis will investigate whether we can setup a shared Google Drive or other type of account to hold onto photographs and draft documents for ease of sharing for future newsletters and other projects.
- Educational Events: Jeremy is going to coordinate with Michael Douglas from Maine Primitive about holding a walk-through of the Brunswick Town Commons for late September. Thursday afternoons or early evening works best for his schedule, so we will propose September 18 or 25 and will keep attendance relatively low. The walk through would be to examine the language of the woods through the plant and animals as he sees them.
- Budget:
 - The island redesign is complete.
 - The chestnuts were not available from our normal source, but Dennis found some seedlings elsewhere and is trying to grow them in the town's nursery before we plant them to give them the best chance to survive. The supply was really low this season due to the weather conditions. Related notes:
 - Jym has noticed that something has been eating the chestnut sapling leaves; Dennis will investigate.
 - Next year, we should investigate partnering with the community at large and/or other town committees such as the tree committee to facilitate additional chestnut plantings throughout the town.
 - We should consider transplanting chestnuts that are appearing throughout the Town Commons in locations where they are unlikely to thrive so that they are closer to the chestnut grove.
- Trail Mapping Project:
 - This project is focused on the current Brunswick Town Commons but includes other parcels of land held near Bowdoin College, the Greater Commons, and near various town neighborhoods.
 - Henry Habern of Pennellville Rd joined us to discuss a small trail that starts at intersection 14 and lets out in a more opportune trailhead than the Main Trail on Middle Bay Road, but which goes through wetlands and would cost upwards of \$100,000 to build into a publicly accessible trail. That trail is already marked as a future trail on our existing trail map and

later discussion has led to its continued inclusion on future maps and the possibility of seeking grants to help develop fund development of it.

- The agenda included a color-coded trail map proposal, with orange lines designating existing trails, green lines designating recommended trails, and yellow "x"es recommending trails that be removed from the maps (they lead nowhere, go through wetlands, are not official trails, are redundant and seldom-used, etc.)
 - Three primary modes of designating trails were discussed:
 - Numbering Intersections
 - Naming Trails
 - Color-coding Trails
 - **The discussion led to a consensus following these talking points:**
 - Goal is to make the trails as accessible as possible to people who may not be comfortable way-finding.
 - We needed a primary system of navigation, with a secondary system that would support it, but that using all three would be **confusing and administratively difficult**.
 - We have an expansive trail network on a very small area, and compared the use of various systems in places like Bradbury Mountain State Park, Cathance Preserve, Appalachian Trail, Acadia National Park (carriage roads), and others.
 - We can not blaze colors on trees per town ordinance, so any markings on site would have to be through signage.
 - **Motion: Blaine motioned that we recommend the intersection numbers as** is, use current (and future) trail names as secondary navigation markers, and use a simple color coding system similar to the Appalachian Trail where the Main Trail between Bowdoin and Middle Bay Road is white and all side trails are blue. Mike Ferry seconds, passed unanimously.
 - Further discussion related to which trails to add, remove, or keep on the new trail maps before Jeremy draws up a draft to send to Jessica to create a new map that we can look at in our July meeting prior to making a recommendation to Tom Ferrell and then the Rec Commission and Town Council.
- Jym gave a recent walk-through report. No leashes were left at the kiosk, but all of the dogs he saw on the trail were leashed.
 - Jeremy gave a successful presentation on the last year's activities of the committee to the Town Council since our last meeting.
 - Adjourned: 6:19pm