

minutes for the September 2, 2025 meeting:

- In Attendance: Jeremy Litchfield (chair), Blaine Moore (secretary), Jym St. Pierre, Bobin Park (Bowdoin), Mike Ferry, Michael Halmo, Caleb Chang (BHS), Nathaniel Shed (town council), Dennis Wilson (town arborist)
- Call to Order: 5:02pm
- Maine Primitive with Michael Douglas:
  - Still on for September 25th
  - Request for Dennis to post about it on the town Facebook page (Bobin will create a digital flyer he can share.)
- Chestnuts:
  - None of the 20 that we purchased survived the nursery.
  - Dennis is ordering 10-12 more that we can plant.
- Updated Trail map:
  - Discussion topics:
    - **Points 35-37 can remain as existing trail**
    - Points 36-40 should be relabeled as future trail
    - Remove the trails on the east side of Harpswell Rd (Brunswick Landing/MRRA property) as those trails are still not available to the public and are posted as No Trespassing
    - Add "Trail Intersections" to the Legend
    - **Points 11-6 on the Maine Trail are a mix of town property and private property, and are not labeled appropriately.**
      - There was a discussion on requiring permission to include the trails on the map, as well as potentially seeking easements for the private property to prevent future access being removed.
    - The map should be labeled as the "Brunswick Town Commons" and not just as "Town Commons"
  - Mike Ferry motioned that we should rename references from "Town Commons" to "Brunswick Town Commons", remove all trails east of Harpswell Rd from the map, remark points 36-40 as future trail, and properly highlight town owned property (and un-highlight any private property that's improperly marked.)
    - Bobin Park seconded, and motion passed unanimously.
  - Once the map is updated, Jeremy will schedule a meeting with Parks & Rec with our recommendations.
  - Additional discussion that we should include existing trail names as part of the map.
- Jeremy shared a picture of a potential trail sign from a nearby trail system, that involved an easy, cost effective sign that is 4"x4" and would be easy to both replace and maintain, that we should consider in future discussion once the new trail map is adopted.
- Jym mentioned that there are talks with a neighboring landowner that could lead to an additional parcel becoming a part of the Greater Commons.
- Meeting Adjourned at 5:50pm.

