

MEMORANDUM

TO: Cape Elizabeth Town Council
FROM: Conservation Committee
DATE: March 22, 2018
SUBJECT: 2018 Conservation Committee goals

As requested by the Town Council, the Conservation Committee discussed and prepared the following goals for the year, listed in order of priority.

1. **Pollack Brook Bridge and Trail.** In 2017, the town received a \$35,000 grant to replace a failed greenbelt bridge across Pollack Brook and extend greenbelt trails to the Spurwink River across from the overlook in Scarborough. The committee is in the last 8 months of what has been a multi-year project, and expects to see the bridge installed this summer/fall.
2. **Greenbelt improvement projects.** Now that the Pollack Brook project is nearing completion, the committee can refocus on a collection of ongoing greenbelt trail improvement projects. Some of these projects include redecking the Spurwink bridge and boardwalk (funded), repairing the Cliff House Beach steps (funding requested), engaging in conversations with the State of Maine regarding trail maintenance at Crescent Beach (meeting scheduled), rehabilitating the Winnick Woods trail system (with grants and private funding, under discussion), adding boardwalk to the Cross Hill trails (funded), and managing our first full year of public trails in Canterbury on the Cape.
3. **Comprehensive Plan.** The committee will provide input on the Open Space and Recreation chapter of the new comprehensive plan now in development.
4. **Universal Access Trail.** The committee will revisit earlier discussions about upgrading an existing greenbelt trail to universal access trail standards.
5. **Dogs.** The committee will work with the Police Chief on ordinance amendments to align the Dog Ordinance with greenbelt policies in the Greenbelt and Open Space Management Plan. Ordinance amendments will then be forwarded to the Town Council for consideration.