

Eaton Conservation Commission
March 14, 2016

1.Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM. Present were Paul Savchick, Rick Young, Marnie Cobbs, Dick Brisbois, Judy Fowler, Peter Klose, Tom Head and Ed Reilly.

2.ADMINISTRATION Minutes of the 1/11/16 meeting were unanimously accepted. There was no meeting in February, 2016.

3.TREASURER'S REPORT

Eaton Conservation Fund	\$12,442.01
Forest Management Fund	35,001.92
Land Acquisition Fund	<u>7,509.65</u>
	\$54,953.58

After discussion, it was unanimously voted to pay yearly dues of \$236 for membership in the NH Association of Conservation Commissions.

Dick stated that the ECC will receive \$766.41 from the Henney funds for camp scholarships this year.

4.BLUEBERRY MANAGEMENT A. It was agreed that Diesel Works will do the spring mowing and Rick will coordinate this.

B. It was unanimously voted to extend the contract with Ryan Bushnell so we can complete the rock popping and hole filling project through the NRCS grant. Ryan has proposed placing bee hives at the blueberry fields. More information on this is needed from Ryan. It was unanimously voted that the ECC offer to share on a 50/50 basis in the cost of bees if deemed appropriate. Rick and Peter will discuss all the above issues with Ryan.

D. Continuing Blueberry Management Priorities - Marnie will contact Horizon Forestry about possibly cutting on Foss on a regularly scheduled basis. Burning of the blueberry fields is an ongoing concern and Paul will discuss this with the new NH Division of Forests and lands director Bob Simkins. Discussion included purchasing our own burner and where to get one, and who would do the actual burning. Marnie will talk to Tim Merrifield about how he deals with this. It was unanimously voted to continue with sulfur application in Brooks Pasture and Marnie will talk with Olivia Saunders of NH Cooperative Extension.

5.FOSS MOUNTAIN TRAIL The trail conditions will continue to be monitored.

6.FOREST MANAGEMENT Harvesting on the South Eaton lot is scheduled to resume in June.

The Town land boundary survey continues as an open issue. The management of Town lands is due for a new three-year plan and Paul will talk to Dan Stepanauskas about making one.

7.CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS It was unanimously voted for the ECC to expend up to \$1000 for scholarships for Eaton children to attend Tin Mountain Conservation Center camps.

8.GREEN MOUNTAIN CONSERVATION GROUP Peter's involvement there is ending and Kirsten Neves has volunteered to be the Eaton representative. Peter and Dick will continue the GMCG re: water sampling at Long Pond. Marnie will contact Kirsten.

Next Meeting: April 11, 2016 at 7:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler