

Eaton Conservation Commission
April 13, 2015

1.Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM. Present were Paul Savchick, Rick Young, Marnie Cobbs, Dick Brisbois, Judy Fowler, Tom Head and Peter Klose.

2.ADMINISTRATION Minutes of the 3/18/15 meeting were unanimously accepted with two corrections in section 6: in Paragraph 2, replace “burn” with “do brush cutting” and paragraph 3 should begin with “Rick and Peter...”

3.TREASURER’S REPORT

Eaton conservation Fund	\$20,501.29
Forest Management Fund	19,731.70
Land Acquisition Donations	<u>6,263.15</u>
	\$ 46,496.14

4.GREEN MOUNTAIN CONSERVATION GROUP Peter reported that the annual meeting was successful with an excellent presentation on raptors.

5.FOSS MOUNTAIN Blueberries - A. Rick and Peter met with Ryan Bushnell who wants help with the maintenance schedule and wants mowing to be done by 4/30/15. Horizon Forestry may be able to brush cut prior to that time. Ryan needs to go back to NRCS for an extension on the rock-popping grant. There are still holes to be filled in Brooks Pasture but with the current schedule in Brooks these holes will not be filled until the fall of 2016.

More results are needed from the sulfur application. The plan is to take care of Brooks Pasture and the area north of the old trail before moving on to other areas.

B. Teneriffe Mountain – Paul talked with Corey Eastman who is burning his blueberry fields right now and encouraged ECC members to visit to observe this. He burns and also uses sulfur for weed control.

Stuart Heath will be moving the popped rocks.

6. FOSS MOUNTAIN TRAIL Signage and kiosk work in process.

7.WETLAND CONSERVATION DISTRICT Amendment passed at Town Meeting.

8.FOREST MANAGEMENT Dan is setting up timber cuts on the just added Bloise lot. A new name for this lot was discussed and Paul suggested, and all agreed, that it be named after an early or prominent owner of some local historical significance, perhaps after a family that actually settled on the land. He will search the chain of title and historical maps.

9.OTHER Rick reported on recent efforts to work with the state to lower the speed limits through the village.

Dick shared some articles: blueberry harvest in Maine in 2014 yielded 1,000,000 pounds and is expected to be higher this year. Spruce budworm is expected to be a problem in northern Maine in the next two to three years. The New England Wildflower Society is a good source of information about invasive and native plants.

Next meeting: May 11, 2015 at 7:00 PM

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler