

Eaton Conservation Commission  
July 11, 2016

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

2.ADMINISTRATION Minutes of the 6/13/16 meeting were unanimously accepted.

3.TREASURER’S REPORT

Eaton Conservation Fund	\$ 9,706.44
Forest Management fund	35,394.38
Land Acquisition fund	<u>7,685.76</u>
	\$ 52,786.58

There was \$2500 paid to Diesel Works for mowing on Foss. Marnie said there was \$100 donated to the land Acquisition Fund specifically for Foss Mt.

4.GREEN MOUNTAIN CONSERVATION GROUP Peter announced that CMCG will hold their “Loons and Tunes” event at Camp Calumet on August 27.

5.BLUEBERRY MANAGEMENT A. The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has \$5776 remaining for the mulching in the Foss blueberry fields. Per Ryan Bushnell the divots from the rock removal are filling in well with berries and he doesn’t see the need for mulching. After discussion, it was unanimously voted to not accept the \$5776 from NRCS.

B. Continuing Management - Stewart Heath thinks he can remove the boulders from the rock removal in the fall. Dick will put up the “No Picking” signs in the blueberry fields. Marnie will contact Horizon Forestry about their availability to brush cut all of Brooks Pasture, including blueberries, and also the north blueberry field. There will be more discussion with Ryan on the north field. Cutting on the ridge with a brontosaurus machine may only need to be done every three years or so. Brush piles on the ridge need burning.

Re: sulfur spreading, Olivia Saunders advises it is best to spread it in the heat, pressing it into the ground. The plan is doing this in the fall.

In the fall, ECC plans to create written objectives for the for the all blueberry fields on Foss.

6.FOSS MOUNTAIN TRAIL People have been walking around the ledge area just into the blueberries beyond the end of the gravel trail. This needs further study.

7.FOREST MANAGEMENT Rick checked the planks on the two bridges on the Willis Bean Rd. and said the running planks need replacement.

Frank Perrault has moved timbering operations to Unit # 5.

8.DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION The DOT sent a letter soliciting Eaton’s input on potential environmental impacts of their Cascade Brook culvert repair project on Rt. 153 adjacent to Map U-1 Lot 4, the Hartman residence. The Board of Selectmen provided input that seemed to adequately address any concerns the Conservation Commission might have had.

Next meeting will be August 8, 2016  
Meeting adjourned at 8: 30 PM.  
Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler