

Eaton Conservation Commission
March 9, 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 2/9/15 meeting were unanimously accepted.

3.TREASURER’S REPORT

Eaton Conservation Fund	\$20,501.12
Forest Management Fund	19,674.20
Land Acquisition Donations	<u>6,263.15</u>
	\$46,438.47

It was unanimously voted to pay two bills: \$382 to Dan Stepanauskas for timber reconnaissance of the Bloise lot and Unit 3, and \$215 for dues to the NH Association of Conservation Commissions. No bill yet from Stuart Heath for his work on Willis Bean Rd. (estimated \$4500), and no bill from Thorne Surveys as their work (estimated \$6000) will be completed in the spring or summer.

5.GREEN MOUNTAIN CONSERVATION GROUP GMCG is concentrating on fixing up their new house on Huntress Rd.

6.FOSS MOUNTAIN A. Blueberry Management – Discussion re: whether to visit a blueberry operation in Milton managed by Corey Eastman or have him come here. Paul will call him about our visiting there first.

It is hoped to do brush cutting north of the old trail and Brooks Pasture this year. There was discussion of the timing of the burning and Paul will talk to Dave Yarborough of U. of Maine for advice. Paul talked with Stephen Kessler of Division of Forests and Lands, Bob Boyd’s successor, who has a lot of fire experience.

Rick and Peter will talk with Ryan Bushnell re: burning, filling holes left from the rock popping and moving the removed rocks. Clean wood chips (no weeds) which is expensive will be needed for mulching and hole filling. Possibly sandy fill could be used for filling with chips for mulch.

Marnie will talk to Emilio of Horizon Forestry about when they can mow and also to Bill Lord and Olivia Saunders of UNH Cooperative Extension.

B. Blueberry Barrens Acreage - Paul came up with some new figures from studying aerial photos online which he shared. These indicate the following:

Foss Mt. north of old trail	8.6 acres
Foss Mt. south of old trail	8.2 “
Brooks Pasture	6.0 “
McKenzie acquisition	<u>6.3 “</u>
(All Blueberry Fields)	29.1 “

Foss Mt. <u>non</u> -commercial	<u>41.0 “</u>
(Plus Blueberry fields)	70.1 “

Foss Mt. north & south fields + open ridge + Brooks + woods	<u>74.3 “</u>
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6.FOSS MOUNTAIN TRAIL Kiosk work still in progress.

7.WETLAND CONSERVATION DISTRICT The amendment proposed as Article # 2 will be voted on at Town meeting tomorrow night.

8.FOREST MANAGEMENT A. Warrant article # 9 at Town Meeting will establish the Bloise lot (139 acres) as Town Forest.

B. Proposed timber cuts for 2015: Unit # 3, stands 33, 34, 35, 42 & 45; unit # 6 and Nelson lot to resume; and Bloise lot to begin pending approval of Article # 9.

9.CAMP WAUKEELA Camp has been sold to new owners who are proposing expansion from 130 campers to 230 - 250 campers. There may be an issue with the septic system. The status of the beach erosion project is still unknown. Owners are David and Michael Shabsels and director is Jayson Rubin.

10. TIN MOUNTAIN SCHOLARSHIPS It was unanimously approved to expend up to \$1000 for scholarships for Eaton children/grandchildren.

11.OTHER Marnie noted that there has been a lot of snowmobile activity on and around Foss Mt. this winter. This needs further discussion.

Next meeting: April 13, 2015 at 7:00 PM

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler