

Eaton Conservation Commission  
October 10, 2016

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

2.ADMINISTRATION Minutes of the 9/12/16 meeting were unanimously approved.

3.TREASURER'S REPORT

Eaton conservation Fund	\$ 9,440.08
Forest Management Fund	37,884.51
Land Acquisition Fund	<u>7,685.76</u>
	\$55,010.35

Ryan Bushnell sent a check for \$4,072 for blueberries. Also, a couple of timber checks have been received.

4.GREEN MOUNTAIN CONSERVATION GROUP Nothing new to report.

5.BLUEBERRY MANAGEMENT Rick will work up a contract, to include proof of liability insurance, between ECC and Ryan Bushnell for picking blueberries, and will bring it to the next ECC meeting.

Sulfur spreading is postponed as sulfur is not in yet. This is best done after frost and before plant emergence so it will be done in the spring.

Brush cutting was done on 10/6/16 by Horizon Forestry along the Foss Mt. ridge, Brooks Pasture and north of the old trail.. Marnie will contact Horizon Forestry re: acres cut for billing.

Although it sounded like Corey Eastman might be interested in burning our blueberry fields, he has told Paul that he is not doing this now but may in the future.

Foss Mt. Management Objectives – After discussion management objectives were stated as: *The town's goal is to keep the historic Commercial Blueberry Fields open and available for commercial picking. Proceeds from the commercial harvest are used to help offset the Town's maintenance costs of the blueberry fields.* The McKenzie piece was discussed in this regard and Marnie will talk to William Abbott, director of the Upper Saco Valley Land Trust (which holds an easement), about these objectives.

6.FOSS MOUNTAIN TRAIL Dick Fortin discussed with Jed Talbot of Off the Beaten Path possible enlargement of the toeholds and creation of more of them in the ledge area of the trail. Jed gave a price of \$640 - 800 for two people working for a full day. This item is on hold for now.

7.FOREST MANAGEMENT Frank Perrault continues to work in Unit # 5.

Dan Stepanauskas proposes a timber sale on Unit # 4 (southeast corner of Eaton) where there is a good variety of wood.

Boundary line marking – Paul is working with Dave Douglas on what has been done and what still needs to be done.

Willis Bean Rd. – Water bars have been satisfactorily repaired.

8.OTHER BUSINESS Paul shared that the McBrien family has been before the Planning Board re: an alleged timber trespass on their family’s property. They are asking for timbering to require notification to abutters. It was suggested that the issue be referred to Steve Kessler of the NH Division of Resources & Economic Development..

Marnie has seen bear hunters with dogs on Foss. More “No Bear Dog” signs are needed, especially towards Eaton’s Maine boundary.

Camp Waukeela – Jaysen Rubin, director, has approached selectmen re: dealing with the ongoing issues at the Waukeela beach. They told him to bring the issues to the Conservation Commission.

Next meeting: November 14, 2016 at 7:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler.