

Eaton Conservation Commission  
September 12, 2016

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

2.AMINISTRATION Minutes of the 8/08/16 meeting were unanimously accepted.

3.TREASURER'S REPORT

Eaton Conservation Fund	\$ 8,689.99
Forest Management Fund	34,905.92
Land Acquisition Fund	<u>7,685.76</u>
	\$51,281.67

Paul gave Dick a check for \$440 from the sale of timber on Unit # 5.

4.GREEN MOUNTAIN CONSERVATION GROUP Peter reported that the fundraiser "Loons and Tunes" was very well attended.

5.BLUEBERRY MANAGEMENT Ryan Bushnell has finished harvesting. He reported a harvest of 5430 pints, bringing in \$4072.52 @ .75 per pint. Ryan's responsibilities will be different now that his contract is no longer needed for the NRCS mulching grant. It is planned that Stewart Heath will remove the big pile of the rocks removed from the blueberry fields. Rick will follow up.

Marnie had reported that Horizon Forestry still plans to brush cut late September or early October. She will again organize another round of sulfur spreading in Brooks Pasture.

Re: Foss Mountain Management Objectives, Peter and Rick will begin addressing this and bring results to the ECC.

Ryan mentioned that Corey Eastman (discussed in previous meetings) would burn the Foss fields for a fee. Paul will follow up.

6.FOSS MOUNTAIN TRAIL Dick Fortin has discussed with Jed Talbot enlarging the toe-holds in the granite just beyond where the trail emerges from the woods.

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

Paul contacted Western Maine Timberlands asking that they rework an area of road on the slope above the easternmost bridge on Willis Bean Rd. and repair the water bars there. They responded saying they would do this work the next day. This raised questions about ownership/control over Class VI roads (Foss Mt. Rd. and Willis Bean Rd.) Rick agreed to look into the specifics re: what control the ECC has over the use of Willis Bean Rd.

The running planks on the Willis Bean bridges are somewhat rotted at their sides but still functional.

8.ELECTION of OFFICERS Rick proposed the current slate of officers be reelected and Tom seconded. Officers continue to be: Chair - Paul Savchick, Vice-chair - Marnie Cobbs, Treasurer - Dick Brisbois and Secretary - Judy Fowler.

9.TOWN LANDS BOUNDARY LINES Paul has the necessary maps and surveyor's notebook. The plan is to do the remaining lines between leaf fall and first snow.

10.OTHER BUSINESS Dick shared information about he very destructive emerald ash borer that is in southern New Hampshire and working its way north.

Next meeting: October 10, 2016 at 7:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler.