

Eaton Conservation Commission
September 14, 2015

1.Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM. Present were Rick Young, Marnie Cobbs, Dick Brisbois, Judy Fowler, Peter Klose and Tom Head. Olivia Saunders, Ed & Jean Reilly and Edith & Don Dashnau were present as guests.

2.ADMINISTRATION Minutes of the 8/10/15 meeting were unanimously approved.

3.TREASURER’S REPORT

Eaton Conservation Fund	\$17,049.05
Forest Management Fund	16,852.08
Land Acquisition Fund	<u>6,634.65</u>
	\$ 40,535.78

A rebate of \$217 was received from Tin Mountain Conservation Center for a child who did not attend a camp there. A check was received from Dan Stepanauskas for timber on three parcels of Town forest for \$8343.43.

4.GREEN MOUNTAIN CONSERVATION GROUP They will have their “Loons and Tunes” fundraiser at Camp Calumet on 9/20/15.

5.FOSS MOUNTAIN A.Blueberries - Olivia Saunders of UNH Cooperative Extension presented findings on sulfur application to weeds in the blueberries including graphs of her findings. Findings included: sulfur application is eliminating some weeds; application directly to weed clumps was most effective; no negative impact on the blueberries from sulfur application. The treatments were to reduce pH levels from .5 down to .4 and we may need to go lower, applying more sulfur. She did notice among the blueberries quite a bit of bunchberry that can affect blueberry flavor. Marnie moved that ECC appropriate not more than \$1000 to apply sulfur, with volunteers, in Brooks pasture this fall. This was unanimously approved.

B.Brush cutting - Marnie reported that Horizon Forestry plans to brush cut on Foss end of September/beginning of October. They will cut the whole ridge and the blueberry fields that have brush.

C.Rock Removal – Rick will discuss with Stuart Heath.

D.Kiosks – Marnie and Judy finished organizing the various informational pieces for the kiosks. Marnie will talk to David Norton who will look at the kiosks to decide how best to set up the displays.

Many compliments have been heard about the new trail.

6.SNOWVILLE LAND Ed & Jean Reilly and Edith & Don Dashnau spoke about the 33 acres bought by the Reillys and the Parkers on Roberts Rd. in Snowville. They are interested in conserving this property where Snowville had its beginnings that includes a rock foundation and waterfalls probably used for powering the mill there. It was agreed that ECC members would make a field trip to the site.

Next meeting: October 12, 2015 at 7:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler