

Eaton Conservation Commission
April 11, 2016

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

2.ADMINISTRATION Minutes of the 3/14/16 meeting were unanimously approved with the following amendment: in section # 8, typo changed to read “GMCG” and re: water sampling after Peter Klose add “Dick Brisbois.”

3.TREASURER’S REPORT

Eaton Conservation Fund	\$12,442.14
Forest management Fund	35,002.28
Land Acquisition Fund	<u>7,685.76</u>
	\$55,130.18

4.GREEN MOUNTAIN CONSERVATION GROUP At the GMCG annual meeting Kristen Neves offered to be their representative from Eaton. She will let the ECC know of any news the ECC minutes. Peter stated that they would like something quarterly for their newsletter.

5.BLUEBERRY MANAGEMENT A. Rick and Peter met with Ryan Bushnell 3/28/16. The ECC is responsible for filling holes left from rock popping, possibly with sand. The NRCS grant will apply to the cost of mulch that will go on top of the filled holes, helping blueberries fill in. There was discussion of sources of clean wood chips. Rick will contact sources such as Pine Tree Power and Limington Lumber for specifics. Ryan agreed to a 50/50 cost sharing, about \$500 each, for bees in the blueberry fields. He is recommending using bumblebees rather than honey bees.

B. Re: SARES grant researching sulfur application, Olivia Saunders of Cooperative Extension will do another round of soil sampling and weed tallying in the fall 2016.

6.FOSS MOUNTAIN TRAIL The ECC will continue to monitor conditions.

7.FOREST MANAGEMENT A. Dan Stepanauskas is preparing a three-year management schedule and hopes to meet with ECC next month. Frank Perrault will resume timbering on the South Eaton lot. Red maple and sugar maple thinning will begin on Unit 5 (30 acres.)

B. Boundary marking of Town lands – Dave Douglas had begun but still no information. Paul ordered paint for ECC members to do some boundary marking.

Next meeting: May 9, 2016 at 7:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler.