

Eaton Conservation Commission
December 14, 2015

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

2. ADMINISTRATION Minutes of the 11/9/15 meeting were unanimously accepted with the amendment in item # 6 re: boundary marking that should read “Dave Douglas needs more information to prepare an estimate.”

3. TREASURER’S REPORT

Eaton Conservation Fund	\$17,266.48
Forest Management Fund	33,144.62
Land Acquisition Fund	<u>7,484.65</u>
	\$57,895.75

Dick reported that the The Henney Fund had just reimbursed the ECC \$908 for camp scholarship funds expended this summer. From timbering in the South Eaton lot \$1310.19 was received. It was unanimously approved to reimburse Marnie \$388.78 for thirteen fifty pound bags of sulfur that was spread in Brooks Pasture.

4. GREEN MOUNTAIN CONSERVATION GROUP Peter reported that things there are status quo and they continue working on their donated building.

5. FOSS MOUNTAIN A. Blueberries – Peter and Rick met with Ryan Bushnell and all three agreed that Ryan has been overcompensated for mowing. The selectmen will terminate the Town contract with Ryan but all agreed that he continue picking.

- It was unanimously approved that Ryan will continue to pick and that all berries will be picked with proceeds paid to the Town, price to be adjusted annually. The 2016 price will be \$1.50 per quart.
- It was unanimously approved that the ECC will take over direct responsibility for management of the blueberry fields. This will include mowing of the fields and filling holes from the rock popping after blueberries are picked in the summer of 2016. (This is basically what the ECC has been doing.)
- It was unanimously approved to accept Ryan’s check from his blueberry proceeds for \$1560 and then refund him \$535.50 after ECC’s recalculation of the acreage of the south field from 6.3 acres to 8.2 acres.

B. Kiosks- Marnie and Judy finished the layout for the three kiosks and Dick put the material into the kiosks

C. Peddlar’s End has been sold.

6. FOREST MANAGEMENT A. The ECC felt it best to wait until for Frank Perrault to recover from his injuries to complete the timbering on the South Eaton lot.

B. Boundary Marking - Dave Douglas still needs more information to prepare an estimate.

7. OTHER BUSINESS There was an inquiry about widening the lower entrance to the new trail to allow some handicap access. The general feeling of ECC members was that the “No

Motorized Vehicle” policy for Town lands applies to the trail and that it was not built to be handicap accessible. Liability is also a concern.

Next meeting: January 11, 2016.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler.