

Eaton Conservation Commission  
May 9, 2016

1.Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM. Present were Paul Savchick, Rick Young, Marnie Cobbs, Dick Brisbois, Judy Fowler and Peter Klose.

2.ADMINISTRATION Minutes of the 4/11/16 meeting were unanimously accepted.

3.TREASURER'S REPORT

Eaton Conservation Fund	\$12,206.23
Forest management Fund	35,002.55
Land Acquisition Fund	<u>7,685.76</u>
	\$54,894.54

Dick said he had paid the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions dues. It was unanimously approved to pay Gray Forestry Supply for paint for boundary marking (around \$200) and also Dan Stepanauskas's bill for \$489 for work on his three-year schedule for work on the Town forests.

3.GREEN MOUNTAIN CONSERVATION GROUP No new developments.

4.BLUEBERRY MANAGEMENT Mark Forde is ready to mow on Foss. No new developments with Ryan Bushnell's contract. Discussion continues re: brush control and field burning. Jim Innes, District Ranger at the Saco River Ranger Station may be a resource for volunteers when the ECC wants to do a burn. Per Dave Yarborough, berry specialist at U. of Maine, there is no known effective organic control for little bluestem grass. It was decided to experiment with Rick's idea of using agricultural vinegar.

The new owners of Peddler's End are redoing their organic certification for management of blueberries.

5.FOSS MOUNTAIN TRAIL Marnie reported some slippage of items in a couple of kiosks and there is a tree down at the parking lot. Dick and Peter will address these issues.

6.FOREST MANAGEMENT A. Paul shared Dan's three-year plan for timbering on Town forests.

B.Boundary marking - It was decided to delay additional boundary marking until Dave Douglass responds re: exactly what information the ECC needs in order to proceed.

7.OTHER The water diverter at the second bridge on Willis Bean Rd. is out of place and will be replaced by Stewart Heath. More "No Bear Hunting with Dogs" and "No ATV" signs are needed on Foss and Dick Brisbois will check his inventory of signs. The "Nella B. Henney Trail" sign needs removal as the trail (created about 25 years ago and not maintained) is unwalkable. The "Winter Parking" sign needs redoing.

Next meeting: June 13, 2016 at 7:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler.