

Eaton Conservation Commission  
February 11, 2019

1.Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM. Present were Tom Head, Dick Brisbois, Judy Fowler, Dave Sorensen, Holly Fortin and Paul Savchick.

2.ADMINISTRATION Minutes of the 1/14/19 meeting were unanimously accepted with the correction of two typos.

3.TREASURER'S REPORT

Eaton Conservation Fund	\$10,770.01
Forest Management fund	53,429.24
Land Management Fund	<u>8,027.14</u>
	\$72,226.39

Treasurer's Report was unanimously accepted.

4.WETLAND & LAKE ISSUES Reaching out to Green Mt. Conservation Group (GMCG) to partner re: water testing in Eaton – tabled until next meeting.

5.BLUEBERRY MANAGEMENT A. The iron donation box has been completed.

B Burn with the White Mt. National Forest Service (WMNFS.) This has been discussed with WMNFS staff who wish to participate in the controlled burning of the leased blueberry fields and the Foss Mt. ridge in the spring of 2019 or 2020. The selectmen have the contract but any town costs would be paid by the ECC. Tom shared a draft of a letter written by Marnie to abutters informing them of this burning. The letter was unanimously approved. A draft of costs from the WMNFS was reviewed and will be discussed further.

6.FOREST MANAGEMENT A.The timbering on Foss Mt. Rd. is nearing completion.

B.Information that Holly created to accompany the large map of Town Lands for viewing at Town Meeting was discussed. It was agreed that the following verbiage reflected ECC beliefs about income from timbering on Town lands: "It has been the policy of the Commission that while enough income should be produced to cover management costs, that income should be incidental to the proper management of the land resources and should not become the dominant priority."

7.SELECTMEN'S REPORT A.The tax rate will be going up somewhat due to a warrant article for cleaning of culverts and ditching on Stewart Rd. and Bull Pasture Rd. in 2019. (Resurfacing to be done in 2020.)

8.OTHER A. A letter drafted by Marnie responding to a request from GMCG that the ECC permit and participate in an April hawk watch on Foss was reviewed. The letter, explaining group size limits and concerns re: groups on Foss and impassability of Foss Mt. Rd. was unanimously approved with some revisions.

B. Paul shared some information about the value of the forest sector in NH and its economic impact by county.

Next meeting: March 11, 2019

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler.