

Eaton Conservation Commission
August 12, 2019

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM. Present were Tom Head, Dick Brisbois, Dick Fortin, Paul Savchick, Holly Fortin, Judy Fowler and Dan Stepanauskas as guest.

2. ADMINISTRATION *The 7/8/19 minutes were unanimously accepted with the following amendments:* Under item # 6 Blueberry Management line 3, strike “while the propane truck is there” and replace with “while the propane truck is going up and down Manson Hill.” Also in Item #8 D strike “dredge and fill” and replace with “building permit issues.”

3. TREASURER’S REPORT

Eaton Conservation Fund	\$10,996.36
Forest Management Fund	51,063.62
Land Acquisition Fund	<u>8,039.64</u>
	\$70,099.62

Treasurer’s report was unanimously accepted.

4. FOREST MANAGEMENT A. Dan Stepanauskas reported that there will be cutting in the northwest corner of Unit #6. He presented his reasons for proposing timber stand improvement in Unit #2. *Dan’s proposal for timber stand improvement in Unit #2 was unanimously approved.*

B. Mark Watson reports seeing hunters training radio collared bear dogs around Foss Mt.

C. Mark also reports that his work continues on the Willis Bean Rd. bridges and is near completion.

5. WETLAND and LAKE ISSUES A. Dick F. reported that Mark Carbone’s monitoring for E. coli on Crystal lake continues to show results of 1 at one site and less than 1 at two others – very low concentrations.

B. Meg Gospodarek and Linda Day are testing on Thurston and Long ponds respectively.

C. The NH Lakes Association reported good results for lakes with a power washer for boats at the lake put-ins. A law will go into effect 1/1/20 that boats must be washed if a washer is available.

6. BLUEBERRY MANAGEMENT Kirk Saunders of White Mountain Oil advised that having a propane truck available on site for a Foss Mt. blueberry fields burn is workable.

7. OTHER A. There was further discussion on the Joseph Snow spring after Paul’s sharing of deeds and maps. Dick F. will discuss further with the other selectmen.

B. Cindy Hall who works the US Fish and Wildlife Service has expressed concerns about trucks speeding on Rt. 153 by Long Pond and serious consequences if an oil truck should have a spill into the that pond.

Selectmen’s Report A. Dick F. reported that Stacy Harris, Madison Postmaster, has contacted the NH Dept. of Transportation about speeding through town on Rt. 153 as it has created hazardous conditions for the postal employees delivering mail to Eaton. The Sheriff’s Dept. continues to patrol and stop some speeders.

B. Selectmen are getting quotes from electricians for work in Town hall.

Next meeting: September 9, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler.