

Eaton Conservation Commission
January 9, 2012

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

2.ADMINISTRATION Minutes of the 12/12/11 meeting were unanimously accepted.

3.TREASURER'S REPORT

Eaton Conservation Fund	\$ 4,629.10
Forest Management Fund	9,707.38
Land Acquisition Donations	<u>208.10</u>
	\$14,544.58

A \$2000 donation, Arthur Harvey's money from his blueberry harvest and a check for timbering receipts from Dan Stepanauskas has been added.

4.FOSS MOUNTAIN A. Paul contacted Linda Comeau of Upper Saco Valley Land Trust re: Dan's stewardship plan for the McKenzie tract and they are requesting a couple of additions. Paul, Dick F. and Peter will work on this, send their work to ECC members for comment and then send them to USVLT.

B. GPS Base Mapping for management of Foss: Dick F. went all over Foss to delineate areas that can be mowed. There are very few such areas as the land is so hummocky. He found one area northwest of the summit and some in the lower fields that looked safe for brushhogging. Brush cutting seems the only option for most of the mountain due large number of slopes, rocks and potholes. There was discussion about various grass containment methods.

C. CONTRACT FOR RYAN BUSHNELL Marnie spoke to Ryan who wants to add managing the blueberries on the McKenzie tract and Arthur Harvey's piece (as Arthur is no longer doing so.) Dick F. had spoken to Tom Earle about Community Supported Agriculture interns to help with the blueberries. There would have to be a mentoring agency or organization, which we do not have, but Tom suggested looking into the Journey Person program through Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association. These are people who have completed an internship and are looking to use their skills. There was extensive discussion as to how the blueberry fields should be managed generally. Marnie will invite Ryan to the next ECC meeting to discuss his views for blueberry management on Foss.

5.FOREST MANAGEMENT The timber work on Units 3, 4, 5 and 6 has still not been started.

6.OTHER BUSINESS A. Dick F. examined Foss for a way to reroute the hiking trail up to the summit. He found a possible reroute off to the south, which would involve cutting many saplings. It would address the issue of water flowing down over the ledge areas of the current trail. He also raised the issue of marking of Town Land boundaries. The last marking was probably 15 or so years ago.

B. Dick Brisbois shared a newspaper article about spotted wing Asian fruit flies in the Maine blueberry barrens.

Next meeting will be February 13, 2012 at 7:0PM

Meeting adjourned at 9:05

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler

Eaton Conservation Commission
February 13, 2012

1.Meeting called to order at 7:05. Present were Paul Savchick, Rick Young, Dick Brisbois, Judy Fowler, Dick Fortin and Tom Head.

2.ADMINISTRATION Minutes of the 1/9/12 meeting were unanimously accepted.

3.TREASURER'S REPORT

Eaton Conservation Fund	\$ 3,879.24
Forest Management Fund	14,499.66
Land Acquisition Donations	<u>208.10</u>
	\$18,587.00

Timber sale receipts had been received for \$4700 + and another this evening for \$1,786.41.

4.FOREST MANAGEMENT A. Per Dan Stepanauskas, Moose Mt. Logging has finished for the time being in units 3, 4, 5, & 6, and will finish this summer.

B. McKenzie Tract Stewardship Plan. Paul, Dick F. and Peter Klose met 1/19/12 to address the changes requested. The work remains in progress.

5.FOSS MOUNTAIN A. Dick F. will contact Bob Boyd of DRED re: a spring burn, probably to be executed with the same scenario as the last one.

B. Marnie contacted Ryan Bushnell inviting him to meet with the ECC tonight but he did not respond to her email.

Next meeting will be March12, 2012 at 7:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler.

Eaton Conservation Commission
March 12, 2012

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

2.ADMINISTRATION Minutes of the 2/12/12 meeting were unanimously accepted.

3.TREASURER'S REPORT

Eaton Conservation Fund	\$ 3,879.31
Forest Management Fund	16,286.36
Land Acquisition Donations	<u>208.10</u>
	\$20,373.77

Forest Management Fund increased due to timber sales of \$1700.

4.LAND PROTECTION A 245 acre tract on Foss Mt., contiguous with the McKenzie tract and two other Upper Saco Valley Land Trust pieces, has been donated anonymously to USVLT with the stipulation that it be deeded to the Town of Eaton and that timber stand improvement be done. There was discussion about the specifics of this gift and Paul will contact Linda Comeau of USVLT to clarify just what the terms are.

5.FOSS MOUNTAIN Ryan Bushnell joined the meeting for a discussion of his blueberry management on Foss. Ryan said he had registered his farm, Burnt Meadow Farm in Brownfield, with the Farm Service Agency and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) as a "dual state producer." The NRCS will not fund him for herbaceous weed control (for little bluestem grass) in a food crop, but they will fund for rock removal and filling of subsequent holes at \$500 - \$1000 per acre as this is a blueberry crop. Research at U. of Maine shows that sulfur works to control little bluestem grass with applications over a number of years but is not cost effective. Ryan will work through the NRCS in Maine. Arthur Harvey wants to pick the area where he mowed last year and then be done here. Ryan is interested in taking over Arthur's field and wants to begin mowing there this spring. He still wants to pick the McKenzie tract (under USVLT easement) and will be picking at Peddlar's End, which is organically certified, so all his areas will be organically certified and near each other. He plans to get a tractor and/or a flail mower to deal with weed/grass control. He has been cutting woody brush in his areas and will continue to do so and is hoping the whole south side of the trail can be burned this year. Paul requested that Ryan keep separate records on input and output on the 5 – 6 acres of blueberries in the McKenzie tract due to the easement issues with USVLT. The selectmen's contract with Ryan was discussed. Rick will send it to ECC members for perusal and then on to Ryan.

Next meeting will be April 9, 2012 at 7:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler

Eaton Conservation Commission
April 9, 2012

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM. Present were Paul Savchick, Marnie Cobbs, Dick Brisbois, Rick Young, Dick Fortin, and alternate Peter Klose.
2. ADMINISTRATION - Minutes of the 3/12/12 meeting were unanimously approved.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Eaton Conservation Fund	\$ 3,879.37
Forest Management Fund	16,286.61
Land Acquisition Fund	<u>208.10</u>
	\$20,374.08

4. FOSS MOUNTAIN BLUEBERRIES Dick Fortin reported that a prescribed burn scheduled for April 7th had to be cancelled due to high fire danger from extremely dry conditions and predicted high winds.

In reviewing last month's planning session with Ryan Bushnell, Dick Fortin asked if the contract price that Ryan pays for blueberries is on a per quart basis. The price is currently fixed at \$1.25 per quart with an estimated resale value of organic berries at about \$4.50 per quart. Discussion ensued as to whether there should be some provision in the contract to adjust the price paid to the Town in the event of unanticipated large changes in the market price. The concern was for Ryan's ability to maintain a cost effective operation as well as for the Town to be able to benefit from an increase in market prices. No method for adjusting the price was settled upon and it was left that market prices should be investigated and the concern discussed further with Ryan.

5. TIN MOUNTAIN CONSERVATION CAMPS - A question was raised about the advisability of continuing with Camp scholarships in view of the current budgetary constraints faced by the Commission. The discussion went in several directions including the relative impact of the \$1,000+ expense, the decreasing population of young children in Eaton, the appropriateness of grandchild enrollees, and the Commission's obligation to promote conservation education under terms of the terms Henney Trust. The consensus was in favor of keeping the Tin Mountain program as it is with periodic reviews as conditions may warrant.

6. VOLUNTEER CUTTING DAY - Marnie discussed plans for the next Foss Mountain volunteer cutting day and how the schedule and cut areas might change with the possible availability of a migrant cutting crew from Mexico that has been working in the region.

Peter suggested that deciding on a firm volunteer date should wait until more is known about the cost and availability of the Mexican crew.

7. OTHER BUSINESS - Dick Brisbois announced that he has finished the new Foss Mountain

Trail sign and it is ready to be mounted. There was a short discussion about where

to mount the sign and how to foil future sign thieves.

Dick also brought to our attention a press release announcing William Abbott as the new Upper Saco Valley Land Trust Executive Director. Abbott hails from California.

Next meeting will be May 14, 2012 at 7:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM

Respectfully submitted by Paul Savchick,
Secretary Pro Tempore

Eaton Conservation Commission
May 14, 2012

1.Meeting Called to order at 7:00 PM. Present were Paul Savchick, Rick Young, Dick Brisbois, Judy Fowler, Dick Fortin, Marnie Cobbs, Tom Head, Peter Klose and Dan Stepanauskas. As guests, from Upper Saco Valley Land Trust (USVLT): Will Abbot, Tom Gross and Forest Bell.

2.ADMINISTRATION Minutes of the 4/9/12 meeting were unanimously approved with the amendment in the Treasurer's Report that the Forest Management Fund had \$16,286.61 (not \$6,286.61.)

TREASURER'S REPORT

Eaton Conservation Fund	\$ 3,879.43
Forest management Fund	16,286.86
Land Acquisition Donations	<u>208.10</u>
	\$20,374.39

Dick B. relayed that the Henney Funds money available for camp scholarships this year is \$708.33.

4.USVLT Will Abbott, recently hired Executive Director; Tom Gross, board member; and Forrest Bell of FB Environmental presented information about USVLT which was established 11 years ago and has conserved 5,252 acres in the Mt. Washington Valley to date. They gave a general overview of their Natural Resource Inventory Data model for their general area, and Forrest Bell spoke about data specific to Eaton.

5.FOREST MANAGEMENT Dan Stepanauskas brought the ECC up to date on timbering operations on Town lands. Unit 3 and parts of units 4 and 5 are completed and, in a few weeks timbering will begin in the area south of the second bridge on the Willis Bean Rd. Dan wants to finish units 4 and 5 with a "gentle thinning." He feels this will be a productive year for acorns and white pine seeds.

6.FOSS MOUNTAIN Marnie has contacted a man in charge of a Mexican brush cutting crew that works in this area along power lines. She asked about their doing some brush cutting on Foss but has had no response yet.

7. CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS It was unanimously voted, especially as there have been many applicants this year, to bring the total amount available for camp scholarships up to \$1000 with money from the Eaton Conservation Fund. For those who request multiple camps for one child the amount given will be based on the cost of the least expensive camp.

8.NEW BUSINESS

Dick B. asked about applying for funding to The Gibson-Woodbury Foundation (recently profiled in the Conway Daily Sun), but it is only for 501-c3 organizations, thus not available for the ECC.

HB514 recently passed that restricts Conservation Commissions from going onto private land without landowner permission. This has always generally been so and is the policy the Eaton ECC has followed.

Dick Brisbois will coordinate the invasive species monitoring on Crystal Lake this summer.

Next meeting will be June 11, 2012 at 7:00 PM

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler.

Eaton Conservation Commission
June 11, 2011

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

2. Minutes of the 5/14/12 meeting were unanimously accepted.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Eaton Conservation Commission	\$ 3,879.50
Forest Management Fund	16,287.16
Land Acquisition Donations	<u>435.10</u>
	\$20,601.76

A check was mailed to Tin Mt. Conservation Center for camp scholarships.

4. CAMP WAUKEELA Paul spoke with Phil Steele who had received a conditional emergency dredging permit from DES in order to have beach sand that had gone into Crystal Lake dredged out and replaced on the Waukeela beach. DES wants him to install a ¾ inch gravel berm four feet into the beach from the road as a temporary measure and to come up with a permanent drainage solution so that sand does not continue to erode into the lake. If the sand dredged out of the lake is not enough they may allow addition of more sand but this will require a minimum impact expedited application. If the ECC does not sign off on this permit it will mean a 75-day waiting period before new sand will be allowed. It was unanimously voted that the ECC sign off on the expedited application, permitting not more than 10 cubic yards of sand only if the permit from DES requires a permanent solution to the overall drainage problem and that Paul was authorized to make this decision once he has read the permit.

5. FOSS MOUNTAIN A. Ryan Bushnell discussed the blueberry field situation on Foss. The blueberry crop on the recently burned area looks good. He has been working with Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) employee Alex Stace in Oxford, ME on a grant to remove some rocks from the blueberry fields he leases to make his mowing easier. The grant would provide a flat rate of \$900 per acre, paid to Ryan over a period of three years, for removal, refilling the holes with soil or sand and mulching with no disturbance of historic sites, gravesites or rock walls. He needs to have a lease with the Town to receive this grant and the selectmen will work on this. ECC members and Ryan brainstormed issues for him to present to Alex Stace: minimum amount of work in each acre to qualify for the grant money; will he be paid acre by acre or once per year; will he be paid if only a portion of his acres are cleared at the end of the three years; must this area be maintained for a particular period of time; logistics of getting fill and mulch up to the fields; how does NRCS determine acreage (maps, etc.) It was suggested that Ryan gather information from people who have done rock popping. Ryan will meet with NRCS again and report back to the ECC.

B. Dick B. put up the new sign on the Foss Mt. gate.

6.FOREST MANAGEMENT Timbering on sections 4, 5 and 6 has begun after delays due to the heavy rains. Richard McLucas has been upgrading with road drainage and surfacing at no cost to the Town. Someone from the ECC will check on the status of the timbering due to all the recent rain.

7.INVASIVE SPECIES MONITORING Dick B., Peter Klose and Frank Holmes found no invasive species in their recent monitoring of Crystal Lake.

Next meeting: July 9, 2012 at 7:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler

Eaton Conservation Commission
July 9, 2012

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

2.ADMINISTRATION Minutes of the 6/11/12 meeting were unanimously accepted.

3.TREASURER'S REPORT

Eaton conservation Fund	\$ 2,879.56
Forest Management Fund	16,287.41
Land Acquisition Donations	<u>435.10</u>
	\$19,602.07

Paul asked about the Current Use tax monies and Rick will check the status of their transfer to ECC.

4.CAMP WAULEELA Re: the camp's beach erosion, Phil Steele has had a temporary runoff barrier installed. He plans to hire an engineering firm to design a permanent drainage solution, get necessary permits in by fall and have the work done by the winter.

5.FOREST MANAGEMENT The current timbering in units 4, 5, and 6 is about 60% complete. Dan had to call it off 6/26/12 due to the heavy rains. Dick Fortin and Tom went to the log landing prior to 6/26 and Tom reported that it looked very good.

6.FOSS MOUNTAIN Ryan Bushnell met with the ECC to go over his lease for use of the blueberry fields. ECC members stressed that it is paying closer attention to brushing and mowing as there are a lot of small birches coming up in the fields. The McKenzie tract will have a separate lease.

Ryan clarified the NRCS grant terms that had been discussed at the June meeting, sharing copies of the answers to our questions. Re: rock popping, ECC members decided to wait to view the results of the rock popping in the Peddlar's End blueberry field before making a decision about doing this on Foss.

7.SPECIAL PROJECTS GRANT APPLICATIONS Paul handed out information on grant sources for ECC members to consider.

8.MOWING Ralph Wilkewitz has mowed the area around the Thurston cellar hole on Bush Road. Marnie will send him a thank you note.

9.CRYSTAL LAKE WEED WATCH Dick B. reported no invasive species found in the early July monitoring.

Next meeting: August 13, 2012 at 7:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler

Eaton Conservation Commission
August 13, 2012

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

2. ADMINISTRATION Minutes of the 7/9/12 meeting were unanimously accepted.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Eaton Conservation Fund	\$ 2,879.58
Forest Management Fund	16,287.53
Land Acquisition Donations	<u>435.10</u>
	\$19,602.21

Dick B. reported \$1000 has come in from the Henney fund for camp scholarships.

Rick has not yet checked the transfer of the Current Use monies to ECC and will follow up. Timber receipts thus far are: \$13,501.39

4. FOREST MANAGEMENT The timber sale in Units 4, 5, and 6 is mostly complete (the McLucas portion) with the rest to be done by another logger. This promises to be an exceptionally good seed year for pine and oak.

5. FOSS MOUNTAIN Blueberries – Ryan Bushnell's contract has been signed by the selectmen and awaits Ryan's signature. This does not include the McKenzie piece. Paul is trying to arrange a meeting with Alex Stace of the S. Paris, ME office of NRCS re: rock popping information and terms.

6. GREEN MT. CONSERVATION GROUP MONITORING Marnie had sent an email re: training for the Macroinvertebrate Biomonitoring Program which GMCG does in streams in their area. ECC members felt this needs more discussion prior to any thought of ECC involvement. Dick F. wondered about reinstating the Lay Lakes Monitoring Program through UNH Cooperative Extension in which ECC members have participated in the past. He will follow up on this.

7. INVASIVE SPECIES MONITORING Dick B. reported that he and Frank Holmes found no invasive species in Crystal Lake on 8/2/12.

8. IDEAS for SPECIAL PROJECTS/GRANTS

A. Refurbishing or rerouting the trail up Foss Mt. - There was an estimate by Jebadiah Talbott (does work for the Forest Service) in 2010 re: reconstruction of the present trail. The biggest issue is water. A number of people do this work and Dick F. will contact the Appalachian Mt. Club for information.

B. Brush Clearing on Foss Mt. - The Mexican crew Marnie had contacted may be able to do some brush clearing in the fall, but we need more information on prices and dates. Dick F. will check back on the information he gathered re: clearing of the various areas on Foss.

C. Painting of Town Land boundaries.

9. ELECTIONS There will be election of officers at the next meeting.

Next meeting: September 10, 2012 at 7:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler.

Eaton Conservation Commission
September 10, 2012

1.Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM. Present were Paul Savchick, Rick Young, Judy Fowler, Tom Head, Dick Fortin and Marnie Cobs.

2.ADMINISTRATION Minutes of the 8/13/12 meeting were unanimously accepted.

3.TREASURER'S REPORT

Eaton Conservation Fund	\$ 3,879.61
Forest Management Fund	29,789.11
Land Acquisition Donations	<u>435.10</u>
	\$34,103.82

Additional timber receipts of \$2135.11 were received from McLucas.

4.FOREST MANAGEMENT Timbering of Units 4, 5 & 6 is complete, except for some cable skidder work, with income of \$15,636.50. Timbering is scheduled for this fall along the west side of Bush Rd.

Rick, Dick F. and Tom looked over the timber landings on Town lands and although they felt the woods work was very good, they felt the landings left something to be desired. This is of concern from an ecological standpoint and because it was felt the Town lands should exemplify good forestry practices and the landing are the places most seen by the general public. There was discussion about various ways to handle this (ECC doing it, hiring someone to do it?) Paul will talk to Dan about the ECC concerns

5.FOSS MOUNTAIN A. Alex Stace of NRCS will meet with the ECC 10/8/12.

B. Brush Clearing: Marnie spoke to Emilio, crew leader of the Mexican clearing crew. They can do work for the ECC and charge by the acre. She will get more specific information. David Condoulis has also expressed an interest in brush cutting. It was unanimously voted to appropriate a sum not greater than \$5000 for brush cutting on Foss. Dick F. will GPS specific areas on Foss to calculate acreages. Paul said he can get copies at Staples of the full-color maps done by the Sewall Co. for the Forest Management Plan. It was unanimously voted that he have the maps copied..

C. Bob Boyd of DRED has set a burn date on Foss of Saturday, 9/22 with rain date of 9/23. The burn will be on either side of the trail and there will be signs at the lower end of the trail and volunteers at the gate to restrict access.

6.CAMP WAUKEELA On 8/30/12 there was a joint planning meeting involving Francesca Steele and Ralph Mead of Waukeela, Mark Lucy of White Mt. Survey & Engineering, six people from NH Dept. of Transportation (DOT), Rick for the Board of Selectmen, and Paul for the ECC. It was decided that Mark Lucy shall work directly with the DOT engineer and a Dept. of Environmental Protection inspector to go over the plan for a permanent drainage solution.

7.SPECIAL PROJECTS AND GRANTS Re: trail reconstruction, Dick Fortin left a message at AMC.

Re: boundary making, the last marking may have been around 25 years ago. ECC members may do this and Dick F. will get boundary paint.

8. LAY LAKE MONITORING Dick F. left a message for Bob Craycraft at UNH.

9. NEW BUSINESS A. Tom and Dick F. will brush cut the Thurston Cellar Hole.

B. Barry Portnoy has asked whether the ECC would support legislation to have no motorboats on Crystal Lake. It was voted unanimously to support Barry Portnoy's legislation to have no motorboats on Crystal Lake

C. Rick received an email from someone requesting the ECC policy on bear baiting and tree stands To bait bear one must have permission from the land owner. It was unanimously voted to not allow bear baiting on Town lands.

Next meeting: October 8, 2012 at 7:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Judy fowler

Eaton Conservation Commission
October 8, 2012

1.Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM. Present were Paul Savchick, Rick Young, Dick Brisbois, Judy Fowler, Dick Fortin and Tom Head.

2.ADMINISTRATION Two corrections from the 9/10/12 meeting: In #9 B, add "It was voted unanimously to support Barry Portnoy's legislation to have no motor boats on Crystal Lake." In #9 C, it was Rick, not Paul who received the email re: bear baiting and tree stands. Minutes of the 9/10/12 meeting were unanimously approved with these amendments.

3.TREASURER'S REPORT

Eaton Conservation Fund	\$ 3,879.64
Forest Management Fund	31,924.45
Land Acquisition Donations	<u>435.10</u>
	\$36,239.19

4.FOREST MANAGEMENT A. Paul spoke with Dan who was surprised at the ECC dissatisfaction with the closings of the log landings. He said he is willing to look at the landings with ECC members at any time. Paul will try to schedule a time with Dan and ECC members for Saturday, 10/20/12 at 8:00 AM meeting at the winter parking, and will email members with the outcome.

B. The Unit One timber sale on Bush Rd is underway.

5.FOSS MOUNTAIN A. Alex Stace of NRCS is unable to attend this ECC meeting or the next one so we are trying for the December meeting.

B. Brush Cutting: The arrival of the Mexican brush cutting crew is imminent. Dick F. walked the Foss blueberry field perimeters with David Condoulis and discussed his cutting from the Brooks Pasture gate to the hiking trail and on Manson Hill. It will be necessary to borrow from the forest Management Fund to pay for some of the above cutting.

C. Prescribed Burn scheduled for 9/20/12 did not work out so a spring burn is planned.

D. The gate along the north blueberry field will soon need replacing. Dick F. will research.

6.CAMP WAUKEELA Paul spoke with Phil Steele re: permanent drainage solution for the camp. Phil received a high estimate from White Mt. Survey and Engineering for the analysis, design and permitting proposal and no guarantee that they could come up with a workable design. Paul suggested they do an initial "conceptual plan" that could be shared with Dept. of Transportation and Dept. of Environmental Services. Phil will explore this

7.SPECIAL PROJECTS A. Trail Restoration: Dick F. will look over the trail on Foss with Alex Jewell of the AMC on 10/12/12.

B. Boundary Marking: Paul checked two companies, Forestry Suppliers and Gray's, for the paint and will continue to assess which is the better option.

- C. Lay Lakes Monitoring: no response yet from Bob Craycraft.
- D. Don Hall had raised the issue of the invasive Japanese Knotweed in town.

8. OTHER BUSINESS A. Dennis Currier of Conway had approached selectmen because his son has won a NH moose permit in the area including Town land. They ask permission to transport a moose carcass from the site of the kill out over Town land with an ATV between 10/20 and 28. In discussion it was felt this was a very rare circumstance and it was unanimously voted to allow it.

B. Rick will ask Elwyn Thurston to remove an old culvert with garbage thrown behind it left at the bottom of the Foss Mt. trail.

C. Dick B. shared an article about concerns in Maine about increased attacks on blueberries by the spotted wing drosophila.

D. Tom and Dick F. cut brush at the Thurston cellar hole.

Next meeting: November 12, 2012 at 7:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler.

Eaton Conservation Commission
December 10, 2012

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

2.ADMINISTRATION Minutes of the 11/12/12 meeting were unanimously accepted.

3.TREASURER'S REPORT

Eaton Conservation Fund	\$ 4,381.91
Forest Management Fund	31,925.00
Land Acquisition Donations	<u>3,603.10</u>
	\$39,910.01

There has been around \$17,000 received in timber receipts.

Dick B. noted that Michael Renn, administrator of the Henney Fund, notified him that all their fees are going up in 2013.

4.GREEN MOUNTAIN CONSERVATION GROUP Blair Folts, director, presented the ECC with information about the GMCG, a six town watershed organization, monitoring the water flowing south from the Foss Mountain ridge. Some of their land abuts the Eaton Town Forest. They provide: water education; best management practices for logging, lake landscaping, road work; and have published a Natural Resources Guide book. They also have a Natural Resources Ordinance book with information from towns that have such ordinances. They are inviting Eaton in as their seventh town. They use four tools: research (6-town water quality monitoring); education (work with children, Resources Guide Book); advocacy; land conservation (hold some easements.) They partner with the Saco River Corridor Commission and have worked successfully and cooperatively with the six towns to address watershed issues. They want to work on a Watershed management Plan. Their fifteenth Annual Meeting is 1/19/13 at Lakeview Rehabilitation Center.

5.FOSS MOUNTAIN A. Trail work – Dick F. shared a letter from Chris Keebler of the AMC estimating \$12,000 to redo the Foss trail. In 2010 Jed Talbot had estimated \$13,700 to harden the existing trail, not including a possible reroute of the trail. Dick will follow up with AMC re: insurance, re-route location, where they would get rock and whether the estimate includes the fill; He will also talk with Jed Talbot about the reroute.

The issue of trail improvement leading to more use leading to more erosion, etc. was raised. It was felt that since federal and state funds were used to build the trail the ECC has a responsibility to deal with the erosion there.

B. Blueberries - Ryan Bushnell mowed in Brooks pasture. There is one overgrown area at the end of the lane into Brooks pasture. No check has been received from harvest proceeds.

C. Gate – Aaron Blake made a gate with metal posts and wood slats that can be used in place of the broken one along the northern section of the blueberry fields.

6.FOREST MANAGEMENT Peter Nelson is completing timbering of Units 4, 5 and 6.

7.CAMP WAUKEELA White Mt. Survey has been doing field work on the drainage issue.

8.SPECIAL PROJECTS Re: boundary marking of Town lands, it was decided to wait for snow so the work can be done on snowshoes, probably in January and on Saturdays.

9.OTHER A. Paul shared a letter from Dennis Currier thanking the ECC for allowing access over Town land to haul out a moose.

B. Election of Officers – It was unanimously vote to re-elect:
Chairman: Paul Savchick; Vice Chair: Marnie Cobbs; Treasurer: Dick Brisbois;
Secretary: Judy Fowler. It was also unanimously voted to make Peter Klose a full ECC member.

Next meeting: January 14, 2013 at 7:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler