

Eaton Conservation Commission  
January 13, 2014

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

2.ADMINISTRATION Minutes of the 12/ 9/13 meeting were unanimously accepted.

3.TREASURER'S REPORT

Conservation Commission Fund	\$ 10,201.49
Forest Management Fund	63,404.90
Land Acquisition Donations	<u>3,668.25</u>
Total:	\$ 77,274.64

Marnie added \$50 to the Land Acquisition Fund from sales of her book about Foss Mt.

4.GREEN MOUNTAIN CONSERVATION GROUP Peter reported that GMCG members are visiting each town in their area re: water quality testing.

5.FOSS MOUNTAIN A - Rich and Julie Neal, now owners of the Pedlar's End property, attended to hear about the Prescribed Fire Council. They have been working the blueberry fields at Pedlar's End and are working towards organic certification. Marnie explained about the SARES grant for sulfur application.

B - Blueberry Management – Zachary Boyajian of the Prescribed Fire Council was unable to attend our meeting tonight as planned but would like to do so in April. The brush pile burning on 12/28/13 was very successful with half the piles burned. Conditions were icy. Hopefully there can be another burn in February or March.

C - Marnie put up "No bear hunting with dogs" signs.

6.FOREST MANAGEMENT A -The letter to forester Dan Stepanauskas, previously discussed, was sent. Dan will attend the February ECC meeting to discuss it and his plans for compliance.

B - New Trail work - Dick F. talked to Jed Talbot of Off the Beaten Path who was granted his bid for this project. Jed hopes to begin as soon as Foss Mt. Road is open and be done within three weeks or so. He has equipment for moving brush. He would like his crew to be able to set up a low impact camp near the new trail. It was unanimously voted to have Off the Beaten Path, in addition to making the new trail, clear unsightly brush, remove slash and pulp wood not removed by the loggers and re-grade skid trails.

7.CAMP WAUKELA On 12/19/13 Paul and Rick attended a meeting at Dept. of Transportation District 3 headquarters in Gilford re: Waukeela's perched beach application to address beach flooding and erosion. Also attending were Phil Steele of Waukeela, Mark Lucy, engineer for this project, S. Soucy and Mike Lane of DOT. Per DOT installation of a guardrail posts with curb board is not permissible. Their main concern is mitigation of floodwaters and they are now supporting granite curbing and

ditching between the Waukeela beach and Brownfield Rd. There was discussion of designs for this. Phil Steele and Mark Lucy will send their application to Dept. of Environmental Services. Concerns were raised in ECC discussion about the perched beach design and reclaiming the side areas of the beach and what happens to the run off and vegetation. Paul will contact Phil Steele about this.

Next meeting: February 10, 2014 at 7:00 PM

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler

Eaton Conservation Commission  
February 10, 2014

1.Meeting called to order at 7:15 PM. Present were Paul Savchick, Rick Young, Marnie Cobbs,, Dick Brisbois, Judy Fowler, Dick Fortin and Dan Stepanauskas and Corey Lane as guests.

2.ADMINISTRATION Minutes of the 1/13/14 meeting were unanimously accepted with the change in # 6 B, "He has the equipment for moving brush." (not for chipping.)

3.TREASURER'S REPORT

Eaton Conservation Fund	\$ 10,201.58
Forest Management Fund	63,404.95
Land Acquisition Donations	<u>3,958.85</u>
	\$ 77,565.38

It was unanimously voted to pay the Conway Daily Sun bill \$97.08 for advertising for the new trail bids.

4.GREEN MOUNTAIN CONSERVATION GROUP Corey Lane presented information about their programs. They have been testing water at 30 sites over the past 12 years. In Eaton volunteers are testing at Long Pond where there are no concerns about results so far, but they would like to do monthly testing for phosphorus at a cost of \$12 per sample. They would also like to offer well testing with homeowners bringing in samples for GMCG to test. They offer many school programs. They also offer GIS generated maps and have Natural Resource Planning information on their website.

5.FOREST MANAGEMENT A. Dan Stepanauskas town forester, presented his response to the letter sent to him by the ECC. He stated he had supervised five timber sales since August, 2010 yielding revenue of \$59,000 to the Town. Another is planned on the Nelson lot in the next good seed year. He plans to do two shelter cuts to encourage regeneration of pine and oak during a summer and then a patch cut the following winter. There was extensive discussion of the recent Brooks Pasture cut and he agreed with the ECC opinion that it had ended up looking badly. All the reasons for this were discussed and Dan said he is resolved that this will not happen again.

B. Boundary line marking of Town lands – Paul talked to Dave Douglas of Thorne Surveys who estimated \$10,000 – 12,000 based on \$45 per hour per man plus expenses (brushes, paint, flagging, mileage.) A final

estimate is difficult due to the variety of conditions along the boundaries (remote locations, amount of survey and compass work.) After discussion, it was unanimously voted to allot \$5000 for a partial completely itemized survey so ECC would have a better idea of how much a full survey would cost. There may be about 18 miles of boundary.

6.TOWN REPORT Paul presented his information for the ECC part of Town Report and there was discussion on it. ECC members will go over it more at home and give Paul feedback by 3:00 PM on 2/11/14.

7.FOSS MOUNTAIN New Trail contract was reviewed with agreement to accept the initial contract and, after looking over the site in the spring. ECC will decide what we want in addition from Off the Beaten Path. Dick Fortin noted that David Norton could do our kiosk displays with equipment he has.

8.OTHER Dick B. shared a letter from Mike Cline director of Tin Mountain Conservation Center thanking ECC for the scholarship support for Eaton students over the years.

Next meeting: March 11, 2014 at 7:00PM  
Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM  
Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler.

Eaton Conservation Commission  
March 10, 2014

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

2.ADMINISTRATION Minutes of the 2/10/14 meeting were unanimously accepted after agreeing to add the T to Treasurer's.

3.TREASURER'S REPORT

Eaton Conservation Fund	\$10,201.66
Forest Management Fund	63,405.44
Land Acquisition Donations	<u>3,958.85</u>
	\$ 77,565.95

An invoice was received from Thorne Surveys for \$2,092.50

From the Conservation Fund \$985 was received from the Henney Fund for camp scholarships.

4. GREEN MOUNTAIN CONSERVATION GROUP Peter Klose reported that GMCC is looking for a new board member south of Crystal Lake. New Long Pond water sampling scheduling is set for Friday mornings twice a month, May 5 through October. Dick Brisbois and Peter Klose will do this.

Water testing in Crystal Lake was discussed, and if anything unusual shows up in last year's once a month testing, we should resume.

5. FOSS MOUNTAIN A. SARES grant was approved. There will be a work session organized by Olivia Saunders in April including Bill Lord, Rich Neal, Ryan Bushnell and others. Olivia is looking for volunteers to monitor Spotted Wing Drosophila once a week during fruiting. Marnie Cobbs is willing and will contact Heather McKendry and Dana Cunningham to see if they can share the task.

B. Marnie Cobbs will contact Zack at the NH Prescribed Fire Council to invite him to April meeting of ECC conservation and stewardship projects.

6.FOREST MANAGEMENT A. Letter from Dave Douglas, cruised 5 miles, held off on painting till sap dries. 46 ½ hours to date, estimates \$9,000.00 to complete perimeter, leaving state and town lines to complete for additional \$3,000.00. They are donating \$5 an hour, by lowering their \$50 an hour rate to \$45. It was moved unanimously to pay the \$2092.50 invoice.

7. FOSS MOUNTAIN TRAIL Dick Fortin will type up contract and have Jed Talbot come in and sign it.

8.NHDES WETLANDS PERMIT REVIEW Cove Campground is subdividing into five new lots that vary from 2.7 to over 5 acres. After thorough discussion a motion was made and passed to give a positive response to the "Conway Lake Estates" plans.

9. TIN MOUNTAIN CAMPER SCHOLARSHIPS A motion was made and unanimously passed to authorize \$1,000.00 for scholarships.

10. LAND CONSERVATION Saving Special Places conference with many interesting presentations is coming up April 5, 2014 in Laconia. We agreed to pay the way for any ECC member interested in going.

11. OTHER BUSINESS It was agreed to wait on burning, possibly for rainy day in spring. It was agreed to review plans for reducing heavy snowmobile traffic on Foss fields. Dick Brisbois and Marnie Cobbs will put up some duck and bluebird houses at the Giles place in the spring or summer.

Next meeting: April 14, 2014 at 7:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Marnie Cobbs.

**Eaton Conservation Commission**  
**April 14, 2014**

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

2.ADMINISTRATION Minutes of the 3/10/14 meeting were unanimously accepted.

3.TREASURER'S REPORT

Eaton Conservation Fund	\$10,201.75
Forest management fund	63,405.98
Land Acquisition Donatons	<u>3,958.85</u>
	\$77,566.58

4.GREEN MOUNTAIN CONSERVATION GROUP Peter reported that the annual dinner was well attended and there are three new board members.

5.FOREST MANAGEMENT Dan Stepanauskas has been examining five possible future timber sales areas.

CAMP WAUKEELA There has been no progress on setbacks for the beach permit. An inquiry was made to Town Hall soliciting any information pertinent to an environmental assessment being conducted for Camp Waukeela's loan application to add a new shower house.

6.FOSS MOUNTAIN The contract for the new trail work on Foss will be signed 4/16/14. Dick B, and Marnie will put bluebird boxes on Foss and wood duck boxes at the Giles Place.

7.SHORELAND IMPACT PERMIT This permit was granted to Nancy Burns to impact 7,520 sq. ft. in order to construct a house with associated septic system and well.

8.OTHER An email was received from Jason Aube of the Wetlands Bureau asking for input on making the Wetlands Application process easier.

Notice received from Jeff Stern Of the Oxford County Soil Conservation District about a conference on 4/23/14 re: The Saco River Corridor.

Dick Brisbois mentioned the book by local authors titled The Pond (re: Pea Porridge\_Pond) that contains quite a bit of Eaton history.

Next meeting: May 12, 2014 at 7:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler.

Eaton Conservation Commission  
June 9, 2014

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

2.ADMINISTRATION Minutes of the 4/14/14 meeting were unanimously accepted. No meeting was held in May.

3TREASURER'S REPORT

Eaton Conservation Fund	\$ 9,821.93
Forest Management Fund	61,314.54
Land Acquisition Donations	<u>4,183.85</u>
	\$ 75,320.32

An advance check for \$5,165 was sent to Jed Talbot of Off the Beaten Path towards the construction of the new trail. A motion to ratify this expenditure was unanimously approved.

4.GREEN MOUNTAIN CONSERVATION GROUP The biweekly water quality monitoring program that GMCG does every year is now in full swing at 20 stations throughout the Saco River watershed in NH. Eaton volunteers (Brisbois and Klose) sample the outlet of Long Pond along Route 153 every other Friday as an indication of the water quality that leaves Eaton and moves on down to the Ossipee Lake drainage. GMCG also had extensive discussions about enlarging their offices on Huntress Bridge Road, or buying a larger structure, and the selection process has been turned over to the Building Committee for further consideration.

5.FOSS MOUNTAIN A. Blueberries -A group from the NH Prescribed Fire Council walked the blueberry fields with Rick and Dick Fortin on 5/18/14. Training requirements are stringent for inclusion in this program and it will probably not be advantageous for the ECC burns.

SARES grant (sulfur application to little blue stem grass) - Olivia Saunders and Bill Lord of UNH Cooperative Extension will be here 6/10/14 to count weeds and may begin spreading sulfur.

Rock removal – Rick and Peter met with Ryan Bushnell for a status report. Mark Ford of Diesel Works has mowed south of the current trail and will do the north side and Brooks Pasture this fall and the balance in 2015. The plan is to have a contractor for the rock popping by 7/15/14 and the actual rock popping to begin by 9/15/14. Ryan will get more information on this from NRCS. The plan is to remove as many rocks as possible with the least ground disturbance, refill the holes, and then top with two to four inches of mulch. It remains to be decided where the rocks will be piled.

Ryan said he had lost 1/3 of his blueberry crop to frost on 5/29/14.

Brush pile burning – tabled until Marnie is present.

6.FOSS MOUNTAIN TRAIL On 5/8/14 about 15 volunteers cleared brush and slash on the Brooks Pasture trail and around the Brooks cellar hole..

Rick and Dick Fortin met with Jed Talbot at the new trail site. It was decided that Off the Beaten Path would not do the chipping that had been discussed. The Town will supply the bank-run crush needed as a trail base and gravel will be moved from the new parking lot to the west side of Brooks pasture with Town equipment for which Town crew will be reimbursed. Town crew will also do some work on the new parking lot at the same time. It was decided to use paint rather than cairns for trail marking. Some of the split staircase stones from the current path can be used as benches along the new trail. We will hire Jed's crew to vegetate some, if not all three, of the existing established footpaths on North side of the mountain. Jed suggested transplanting some blueberry bushes from the new trail path to fill in old informal paths through the blueberries in that area. It is hoped this will encourage hikers to stay on the new path. Off the Beaten Path will remove the logs blocking the gap in the wall on the east side of Brooks Pasture. The Off the Beaten Path crew will camp either in the new parking lot or at Brooks Pasture. They will begin work on the trail around 6/23/14 and be there for three to four weeks.

7. DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES Dick Fortin has filed a dredge and fill application for working on the stream behind his house as part of the Trout Project.

Barry Portnoy applied to remove Imprellis (herbicide)-killed trees within the Shoreland Quality Water Protection Act Woodland and Waterfront buffers.

The Dow family has applied to the Wetlands Bureau for an Agricultural Permit for field clearing and a Minimum Impact Forestry Notification.

8. SCHOLARSHIPS Five Eaton children will receive scholarships to Tin Mountain Conservation Center camps.

9. FOREST MANAGEMENT Thorne Surveys has resumed boundary marking of Town lands.

10. CAMP WAUKEELA Phil Steele has emailed Susan Soucie of NHDOT re: beach setback distances.

Next meeting: July 14, 2014 at 7:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler

Eaton Conservation Commission  
July 14, 2014

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

2.ADMINISTRATION Minutes of the 6/9/14 were unanimously accepted with the correction on line one in item # 6 to read "On 5/8/14 about . . . "

3.TREASURER'S REPORT

Eaton Conservation Fund	\$ 4,656.99
Forest Management Fund	61,315.01
Land Acquisition Donations	<u>4,183.85</u>
	\$70,155.85

Off the Beaten path was sent a second payment for \$5,165. A transfer of \$20,000 was made from the Forest Management Fund to the Conservation Fund in anticipation of expenses for the new Foss Mt. trail.

4.FOSS MOUNTAIN A. New Trail - The Off the Beaten Path crew hope to be done by 7/19/14. It was unanimously voted for Off the Beaten Path to move the three kiosks (one to the left of the new parking lot, one by the cellar hole, and one at the upper switchback); remove and relocate the granite steps at entrance to the existing trail and use them for benches at the new trail; relocate the Brooks Pasture gate to above the new parking lot; grade and drain the section of trail between new parking lot and Brooks Field. Rick will discuss the first ledge after the woods with Jed due to concerns about moisture there.

B. Blueberries - Rick will follow up with Ryan Bushnell about the SARES grant, rock picking and mowing. All ECC members were agreed that the removed rocks should not be piled in the field and should be disposed of as inconspicuously as possible.

5.FOREST MANAGEMENT A. Thorne Surveys boundary marking of Town lands is in progress.

B. Proposed timber sales for late summer and fall include: Nelson lot and stands # 35, 45, 60, 62, 63 and 72, east side of Tripp Farm, and the Towle lot (139 acres on Horseleg Hill Rd.)

6.CAMP WAUKEELA Reportedly the camp has been sold. ECC plans to contact the new owners to assure continuity of the beach stabilization efforts. Dick Fortin has suggested an alternate beach site to the west.

7.GREEN MOUNTAIN CONSERVATION GROUP Peter and Dick B. continue water sampling until the first week of October. GMCG is considering receiving some donated property.

8.OTHER Dick B. will put up "No Blueberry Picking" signs. He and Marnie put up two wood duck houses at the Giles cellar hole area and four bluebird houses by the new parking lot and the Brooks cellar hole. They noted that Willis Bean Rd. was very eroded between the Giles entrance and the bridges with the first bridge having a lot of silt. Paul will speak to Stewart Heath about this.

Next meeting will be August 11, 2014 at 7:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler.

Eaton Conservation Commission  
August 11, 2014

1.Meeting called to order at 7:05PM. Present were Paul Savchick, Rick Young, Marnie Cobbs, Dick Brisbois, Judy Fowler, Tom Head, Peter Klose with Zachary Berger as guest.

2.ADMINISTRATION Minutes of the 7/14/14 meeting were unanimously accepted with the addition in #8.Other: ‘... and four bluebird houses by the new parking lot and the Brooks cellar hole.’”

3.TREASURER’S REPORT

Eaton Conservation Fund	\$16,437.53
Forest Management Fund	39,755.53
Land Acquisition Donations	<u>4,183.85</u>
	\$ 60,376.91

The last check to Off the Beaten Path for \$10,330 has been sent. Marnie brought a check for \$15 from the sale of her On the Ridge books for the Land Acquisition Fund.

4.GREEN MOUNTAIN CONSERVATION GROUP Peter reported that water sampling continues every two weeks at the end of Long Pond. GMCG will have a fundraiser 8/23/14 at The Inn on Main St. in Wolfboro with a talk on owls by an owl expert.

5.FOSS MOUNTAIN A. Blueberries – The areas to apply the sulfur through the SARES grant are all flagged. Discussion is needed re: who applies the sulfur and when.

B. Rock popping - Ryan needs to get the NRCS grant money for it. Stewart Heath can do the work. Rick and Peter will discuss this with Ryan.

C. Brush piles - The plan is to burn in the fall.

D. Drosophila flies - None found in the north blueberry fields so far.

E. Brush cutting – Emilio Bedolla, of Horizon Forestry has expressed interest in mowing again and, by rough estimate, will be available around early October. Marnie will discuss this with Ryan.

F. Unauthorized blueberry picking – Signs along the trail and in the kiosks were discussed.

G. McKenzie piece – Signage will be placed re: Upper Saco Valley Land Trust easement and acknowledgment of the LCHIP contribution.

H. New trail – Due to the ever more intensive use of and increased dissemination of information about Foss Mt. there was discussion re: Jed Talbot’s website photos of the new trail. A motion was made to ask him to remove the one blueberry photo to possibly reduce interest in the blueberries. It passed with six in favor and one against.

6.FOREST MANAGEMENT A. Paul introduced the concept of intensive pre-commercial practices such as weeding to promote tree growth (done by crews with brush saws.) These would be done for future growth/health of the forest stands rather than for financial gain. It was agreed that ECC members would think about this and Paul will ask

Dan to consider this idea when looking over forest areas in the normal course of his work.

B. Dan turned in an intent-to-cut for the former Bud Nelson property with harvest to begin in the fall.

7.ECC MEMBERSHIP SELECTION Whether there should be criteria for membership on the ECC was discussed.

Next meeting: September 8, 2014

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler

Eaton Conservation Commission  
September 8, 2014

1.Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM. Present were Paul Savchick, Rick Young, Marnie Cobbs, Dick Brisbois, Judy Fowler and Peter Klose.

2.ADMINISTRATION Minutes of the 8/11/14 meeting were unanimously accepted.

3.TREASURER'S REPORT

Eaton Conservation Fund	\$21,982.71
Forest Management Fund	20,755.73
Land Acquisition Donations	<u>4,183.85</u>
	\$46,922.29

Off the Beaten Path was sent final payments (noted in 8/11/14 minutes) of \$3125 and \$10,330. Land Acquisition Donations received \$137 to be credited next month. It was unanimously voted to pay to the Town \$1251 for the Town crew's work (moving gravel for the new trail and finishing off the edge of the new parking lot.

4.GREEN MOUNTAIN CONSERVATION GROUP Peter reported that the 8/23/14 fundraiser was successful.

5.FOSS MOUNTAIN

A. Blueberries - No drosophila was found on testing as was true around the state. Rick will meet with Stewart Heath this week re: rock popping.

B. Brush cutting – to be done on the north side of the old trail and in Brooks pasture by Horizon Forestry.

C. Old trail – Washout repair looks good.

D. Brush pile burning still scheduled for fall.

6.FOREST MANAGEMENT Timbering set to begin on the Nelson Lot and Unit 6. Stewart Heath will work on washout repair on Willis Bean Rd. Rick will follow up.

7.REELECTION OF OFFICERS Reelected unanimously were:

Chairman: Paul Savchick,

Vice-chairman: Marnie Cobbs

Treasurer: Dick Brisbois

Secretary: Judy Fowler

Next meeting: October 13, 2014

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler

## Eaton Conservation Commission

October 13, 2014

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

2.ADMINISTRATION Minutes of the 9/8/14 meeting were unanimously approved with removal of the extra words "Land Acquisition" in section # 3.

### 3.TREASURER'S REPORT

Eaton Conservation Fund	\$21,982.88
Forest Management Fund	20,755.89
Land Acquisition Donations	<u>4,320.85</u>
	\$47,059.62

The ECC has received \$1500 in land use change fees that will be posted next month. It was unanimously voted to pay Thaddeus Thorne Surveys for marking of the Town property on Horse Leg Rd formerly held by Blois

4.GREEN MOUNTAIN CONSERVATION GROUP Peter said that water sampling at Long Pond is completed for this year and results were consistent all though the sampling period, with no problems found. GMCG will host a workshop "Shared Natural Resources Planning – Introduction and Refresher on Thursday, 11/6/14, 6 – 8 PM at Runnells Hall in Chocorua.

5.FOSS MOUNTAIN A. Blueberries – Olivia Saunders of Cooperative Extension spray painted the ground north of the old trail where sulfur is spread so Horizon Forestry will know not to cut brush there. She felt sulfur might have had some effect. On 10/20/14 Olivia, Marnie and Bill Lord plan to spread 400lbs. of sulfur. Some work is needed to figure a per-acre cost for the sulfur which depends on how heavily it is laid.

Rick will walk the fields with Ryan, look over his mowing and decide how much Ryan owes.

B. Rock popping – Stuart Heath was to start today and Rick will check tomorrow. Per Ryan Bushnell, the NRCS grant gives no money to fill holes but will pay more than expected for mulch. Ryan will talk with Stuart. Plan is for Stuart to pop rocks on the northeast side of the new trail, dispose of them and fill the holes.

C. Mowing will be done by Horizon Forestry.

D. Kiosks – Marnie took photos of the current kiosks. She and Judy will work on new displays.

6.FOSS MOUNTAIN TRAIL The ditch in the parking lot right before the gate needs to be moved a little.

7.PLANNING BOARD A. Ridge Line Ordinance. – ECC members supported the concept and want to see specifics.

B. Wetland Conservation District – Again, ECC members supported the concept of a Wetland Ordinance and want to see specifics.

8.WILLIS BEAN ROAD Stuart worked there two weeks ago, adding drainage structures, crushed stone and did road grading.

Next meeting: November 10, 2014 at 7:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler

Eaton Conservation Commission  
November 10, 2014

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

2.Minutes of the 10/13/14 meeting were unanimously accepted.

3.TREASURER'S REPORT

Eaton Conservation Fund	\$20,732.08
Forest Management Fund	20,756.09
Land Acquisition Donations	<u>5,820.85</u>
	\$47,309.02

There was \$200 added from the Land Use Donation box. Stuart Heath estimates charges of \$1500 – \$2000 for the work on Willis Bean Rd. The NRCS cost share money has not yet been received.

4.GREEN MOUNTAIN CONSERVATION GROUP Their “Shared Natural Resources Planning” program v attended by Peter, Rick, Paul, Dick Fortin and Judy. All felt it allowed a good exchange of ideas between tow there were many common concerns re: natural resource planning. It was emphasized that towns with expertise/experience in certain areas can help other towns in these areas.

5.FOSS MOUNTAIN A. Blueberries – Sulfur (from SARES grant) will be spread in Brooks Pasture tomorrow by Marnie, Olivia Saunders, Bill Lord and maybe Ryan Bushnell.

B. Rock popping – All rocks are removed and still have to be dumped.

C. Mulching/hole-filling – No plan yet. Rick will contact Ryan and Marnie will talk to Ken McKenzie about his experience with this.

D. Horizon Forestry – Due to be brush cutting 11/14 or 15.

E. Mowing – Rick to discuss with Ryan.

6.FOSS MOUNTAIN TRAIL Signage for the bottom and top of the old trail was discussed as some people are still using it despite it closed-out condition. There will be a prominent sign at the bottom stating it is closed and directing people to the new trail, along with “No Trespassing” signs and brush placed on the ground at top and bottom of the old trail. Marnie and Judy will work on the kiosks along the new trail. Stuart Heath will work on improved drainage in the new parking lot. Dick Fortin raked out some parts of the new trail. He will also send photos of the completed trail to the Davis Foundation who contributed funds to this project.

7.PLANNING BOARD Paul reported that Ridge Line Zoning has been postponed one year due to complexity and time constraints. He suggested looking at Vermont's Act 250. Re: Wetland Conservation District, the Planning Board will try to present for the March, 2015 ballot. Updating will be needed for soil series names, wetland definitions, professional qualifications, jurisdictional authorities and Eaton Wetlands map. The current ordinance may just need updating.

8.FOREST MANAGEMENT On unit #6 the logger has been very slow and may not finish before snow. The Bud Nelson lot will not be done this fall and is being shown to a different logger.

9.OTHER BUSINESS There was discussion of the emerald ash borer that is now in 15 southern NH towns. On white pines, needles are now dropping as early as June, caused by three types of fungi. One type that typically lasts one cycle now has two or more cycles, leaving the question of how much defoliation these pines can endure.

Next meeting: December 8, 2014 at 7:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler

Eaton Conservation Commission  
December 8, 2014

1.Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM. Present were Paul Savchick, Rick Young, Marnie Cobbs, Dick Brisbois, Judy Fowler and Olivia Saunders as guest.

2.ADMINISTRATION Minutes of the 11/10/14 meeting were unanimously approved.

3.TREASURER'S REPORT

Eaton Conservation Fund	\$ 19,944.23
Forest Management Fund	19,106.24
Land Acquisition Donations	<u>6,263.15</u>
	\$ 45,313.62

A payment of \$788 to Tin Mountain Conservation Center for scholarships will be reimbursed by the Henney Fund. A check was sent to Thaddeus Thorne Surveys for the Town lands boundary survey. Income from Unit # 6 was \$567.49. The Land Acquisition Donations yielded \$442 this past month.

4.GREEN MOUNTAIN CONSERVATION GROUP No report this month.

6.FOSS MOUNTAIN A. SARES grant - Olivia Saunders of UNH Cooperative Extension reported on the and results so far of the study on the effects of sulfur in the blueberry fields to control Little Bluestem grass. Sulfur was spread on 11/11/14 by Olivia and Bill Lord of Cooperative Extension, Marnie, Dick and Holly Fortin and Ryan and Solomon Bushnell in Brooks Pasture, using the dollop method (putting sulfur directly on individual weeds) and in the front blueberry fields using a broadcast method. They will continue measuring and counting weeds over the next two years in two-foot square plots. In Brooks Pasture they will be comparing spring and fall applications. Weed counts will be done spring and fall and pH counts and leaf tissue sampling in the spring. Control (untreated) plots from the front pasture using the broadcast method had more and larger weed heads. Early results show the dollop method was more effective but also more time consuming. The work has shown that fertilizing should not be done until weeds are under control as it provides fertility to the weeds. Overall, it seems sulfur gives blueberries an edge over little bluestem grass.

B. Horizon Forestry brush cutting has been put off until May, 2015.

C. Ryan Bushnell supplied Harvest records for 2008 - 2014. Rick will follow up with Ryan as some acreage numbers require clarification.

D. Burning of the blueberry fields. There was discussion of other blueberry growers and their burning situations. Paul will follow up with Corey Eastman, manager of some fields in New Hampshire.

E. Rock popping - Rock disposal is delayed until spring. Stuart Heath was paid by NRCS for his work. Filling of holes and mulching is also delayed until spring. Ryan may have people interested in helping with this.

F. Brush piles - All brush piles were burned 11/23 by Marnie, Dick Fortin, Peter Klose, Dennis Sullivan and Tricia Larson. This needs to be kept in check on a regular basis.

7.FOSS MOUNTAIN TRAIL - Marnie and Judy had a preliminary meeting re: kiosks. Dan Stepanauskas will contribute forestry information for kiosks.

8.PLANNING BOARD - Paul shared drafts of the Planning Board's updated Wetland Conservation District proposed zoning amendment that should make it more usable.

9.FOREST MANAGEMENT - Unit #6 is incomplete with wood remaining on site that cannot be hauled until spring. Dan is looking for loggers to complete this site and also work on the Bud Nelson piece.

Next meeting: January 12, 2015 at 7:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler.