

Eaton Conservation Commission
January 8, 2018

1.Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM. Present were Tom Head, Dave Sorensen, Dick Brisbois, Paul Savchick and Judy Fowler.

2.ADMINISTRATION Minutes of the 12/11/17 meeting were unanimously approved with one typo correction.

3.TREASURER'S REPORT

Eaton Conservation Fund	\$ 7,907.67
Forest Management Fund	58,019.07
Land Acquisition Fund	<u>8,027.14</u>
	\$73,953.88

Treasurer's report was unanimously approved.

4.GREEN MOUNTAIN CONSERVATION GROUP Nothing to report.

5.BLUEBERRY MANAGEMENT Pending.

6.FOSS MOUNTAIN No work is needed there until the snow disappears. Ledge markers will be repainted in the spring.

7.FOREST MANAGEMENT Dan Stepanauskas felt that the maple trees on the Town timber stand in which the owners of Sap Hound Maple Products were interested were too valuable to be tapped.

8.OTHER It was unanimously approved to repay Marnie the cost for her attendance at NH Association of Conservation Commissions.

Paul will write the ECC 2017 Town Report as he was chair for the majority of that year.

9.SELECTMEN'S UPDATE

Dave Sorensen reported that job descriptions for the positions of Road Agent and Road Equipment Operator have been posted for March elections. They also created a winter road maintenance policy that includes parking fines.

Dave had checked into NHACC handbooks of state regulations for Conservation Commissions, but they are sold out. NHACC will notify us when they are reprinted. He shared the NH Municipal Association's Knowing the Territory that contains Conservation Commission guidelines.

Next meeting: February 12, 2018.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler

Eaton Conservation Commission
February 12, 2018

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

2.ADMINISTRATION Minutes of the 1/8/1018 meting were unanimously accepted with one typo correction.

3.TREASURER'S REPORT

Eaton Conservation Fund	\$ 7,666.72
Forest Management Fund	58,112.92
Land Acquisition Fund	<u>8,027.14</u>
	\$73,806.78

Two bills, one from Dan Stepanauskas for \$466.40 for Town forest work and one from Horizon Forestry for brush cutting on Foss mountain for \$2200 were both unanimously approved.

4.GREEN MOUNTAIN CONSERVATION GROUP Per Kristy Foster, their annual meeting will be 3/3/18 at Province Lake. They are monitoring plans for a planned gas station in Ossipee on Rt. 16.

5.LAKE MANAGEMENT A. Marnie and Peter will talk with Dick Fortin about possible future directions in lake monitoring. It was Dick who had coordinated the UNH Lay Lakes Monitoring Program in the past.

B. The Conway Lakes Conservation Association (CLCA) that monitors invasive species in that lake, has suggested signage for boats launched at the south (Eaton) end of Conway Lake. ECC members felt that signage for canoes and kayaks, stressing the dangers of invasive species on boats, anchors, fishing gear, etc. would be appropriate. Marnie will discuss this with the CLCA.

6.BLUEBERRY MANAGEMENT A. Peter will again press Ryan Bushnell for his insurance certificate.

B. Marnie will talk with Mark and Nancy Watson of Peddler's End about their sulfur spreader. They have offered to work with the ECC on sulfur spreading.

C. Management Plan for Foss Mountain and Blueberry Fields for the next four years. These plans are to be evaluated every year.

- Have saplings cut in tall he commercial blueberry fields yearly by Horizon Forestry.
- Continue mowing of the commercial blueberry fields every other year.
- Have cutting done on the ridge every three years.

This plan was unanimously approved.

7.FOSS MOUNTAIN TRAIL No current issues.

8.FOREST MANAGEMENT No current issues.

9.NH ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION COMMISSIONS (NHACC) HANDBOOKS Paul reported that the latest edition of this handbook was created in 2004 and no full revision is planned. They will only be updating the RSA section which they can send when updated. It was unanimously

approved to order eight NHACC handbooks @ \$15 each for a total of \$120. Paul will pick them up when next in Concord, saving the shipping fee.

Next meeting: March 12, 2018 at 7:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler

Eaton Conservation Commission
March 12, 2018

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

2.ADMINISTRATION Minutes of the 2/12/18 meeting were unanimously approved.

3.TREASURER'S REPORT

Eaton Conservation Fund	\$ 7,611.79
Forest Management Fund	58,113.48
Land Acquisition Fund	<u>8,027.14</u>
	\$73,752.41

Treasurer's report was unanimously approved.

4.LAKE TESTING The Conservation Commission plans to focus on training volunteers to monitor for invasive species on lakes and ponds including Crystal Lake in summer 2019. Maria Gross from Conway Lake Conservation Association will train our new volunteers. Water testing will wait until we see what the study from USVLT (see below) reveals, and to give us time to plan it.

5.UPPER SACO VALLEY LAND TRUST(USVLT) They have completed a new Drinking Water Protection Study for the Mount Washington Valley watershed supported by a grant from the NH Department of Environmental Services (DES.) One focus of their findings concerns the identification of Potential Contamination Sites (PCSs). The other focus concerns how towns might strengthen local Drinking Water Aquifer Protection practices overall by comparing them with the NH DES's Best Management Practice Model Ordinance, while specifically addressing PCSs, as well. USVLT will be presenting information on this, possibly at the April meeting.

6.BLUEBERRY MANAGEMENT Peter talks to Ryan Bushnell regularly but Ryan still has not provided an insurance certificate. Peter will also ask him whether his organic certification is up-to-date.

The sulfur spreading in Brooks Pasture will be done in the fall. Marnie will continue to discuss their mechanical spreader with the Watsons at Peddler's End.

7.FOSS MOUNTAIN TRAIL The possibility of volunteers to monitor this trail on a regular basis was discussed.

8.FOREST MANAGEMENT Most of the surveying and marking of Town Land boundaries by Thorne Surveys is done. It is the very difficult areas that are left. Paul will bring in their logs and maps so we can all see what remains to be surveyed and it will then be decided how to accomplish this.

Planking for the Willis bean bridges should be replaced, probably in May. The sides of the bridges need painting.

Paul suggested updating of the Forest Management Plan for Eaton's Town forests.

How to monitor the Willis Bean Rd. for erosion, etc was discussed. Paul is willing to monitor the north end and hopefully someone can be found to monitor the other end.

9.HANDBOOKS Paul distributed the Handbook for New Hampshire's Municipal Conservation Commissions put out by the NH Association of Conservation Commissions. The appendix will be sent separately.

10.TASK LIST There was discussion about the ECC Monthly Task List which will be sent to ECC members for more discussion at the next meeting.

11.OTHER Checking the loon nesting sites was discussed and Dick B. will continue to place signs in possible nesting areas.

Marnie reminded ECC members of the April UNH Cooperative Extension."Saving Special Places" workshops on April 7 in Alton NH.

Next meeting: April 9, 2018

Meeting adjourned at 8:25PM

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler

Eaton Conservation Commission
April 9, 2018

1.Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM. Present were Marnie Cobbs, Tom Head, Dick Brisbois, David Sorensen, Paul Savchick, Judy Fowler and Holly Fortin as observer. Dan Stepanauskas attended as Town forester.

2.ADMINISTRATION Minutes of the 3/12/18 meeting were unanimously approved with a correction in item # 4 so that the heading reads "LAKE TESTING "and begins "The ConservationCommission . ."

3.TREASURER'S REPORT

Eaton Conservation Fund	\$ 5,291.84
Forest Management Fund	57,647.57
Land Acquisition Fund	<u>8,027.14</u>
	\$ 70,966.55

Treasurer's report was unanimously approved.

4.NATURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY (NRI) There was discussion about how to accomplish an NRI. Eaton has no maps showing current wetland locations. Eaton's wetland information can be found only by definition and through reference in Eaton's Zoning and Subdivision regulations. noted that the UNH Complex Systems Research Center has maps that can be downloaded and would be pertinent to a NRI.

5.FOREST MANAGEMENT Dan Stepanauskas presented his ideas for updating Eaton's Forest Management Plan for twenty years out. Later, it was unanimously voted to pay Dan up to \$7,000 once the ECC has seen his report of the first management unit. Marnie will draw up an agreement for services between the ECC and Dan.

Dan has a timber sale planned for Unit # 2 (off of Foss Mt. Rd.)

RE: new planking on the Willis Bean Rd. bridges, Paul will assess this in May and report back what is needed. He will also contact the Watsons (owners of Peddler's End) to ask them about possibly monitoring the south end of the Willis Bean Rd.

Dave stated he would discuss with the other selectmen the possibility of the Town getting a Geographic Information System (GIS) that would facilitate organizing of Town land information.

6.LAKE MANAGEMENT On July 7, 2018 Amy Smagula of UNH and Maria Gross of Conway Lake Conservation Association will present a training on invasive species. Maria has signs about all the ways invasive species get into lakes.

In May Tom Gross of Upper Saco Valley Land Trust will report on their Groundwater Protection Study in a meeting open to all Town boards and the general public.

7.RIGHT TO KNOW LAW Dave passed out copies of the NH Right to Know regulations as the selectmen want all boards to be aware of it. This will be discussed at the May ECC meeting.

8.OTHER Dick Brisbois shared Ed Parsons' hiking column from the Conway Daily Sun about Foss Mountain.

Next meeting: May 14, 2018 at 7:00 PM
Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM
Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler

Eaton Conservation Commission
May 14, 2018

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

2. ADMINISTRATION Minutes of the 4/9/18 meeting were unanimously approved with the following correction. In item # 4 Natural Resource Inventory, the second sentence is deleted and replaced with *“Eaton has no maps showing current wetland locations. Eaton’s wetland information can be found only by definition and through reference in Eaton’s Zoning and Subdivision regulations.”*

3. TREASURER’S REPORT

Eaton Conservation Fund	\$ 5,291.88
Forest Management Fund	57,648.01
Land Acquisition Fund	<u>8,027.14</u>
	\$70,967.03

Treasurer’s report was unanimously accepted.

4. NATURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY Tabled until next meeting.

5. LAKE MANAGEMENT Amy Smagula of NH Department of Environmental Services will do a training on invasive species on 7/21/18.

6. BLUEBERRY MANAGEMENT Ryan Bushnell has now provided his insurance certificate. Marnie will call the NH Department of Agriculture to ascertain whether they have his Organic Certification.

Olivia Saunders of UNH Cooperative Extension suggests testing the soil in the Brooks Pasture blueberry fields before more sulfur is applied. Testing involves taking multiple soil samples from the top three inches throughout the field, mixing them and sending this to Cooperative Extension for analysis. This will be done by Marnie, Tom and Judy.

7. FOSS MOUNTAIN TRAIL Dick and Holly Fortin will take on checking the Foss Mt. Trail for maintenance issues.

Dick Brisbois and Peter will repaint the yellow directional striping along the trail.
Kiosks will be checked to see what updates are needed.

8. RIGHT TO KNOW LAW, RSA-91A Review and discussion was begun on this law.

9. FOREST MANAGEMENT Due to people tearing up Foss Mt. Rd. with vehicles, the possibility of gating it during mud season was discussed. Marnie will discuss this with the selectmen.

Per Dan Stepanauskas, there will be another timber cut on the back side of Unit # 2 (across from the alpaca farm on Foss Mt. Rd.) that will be accessed from Paul Hill Rd.

There was discussion of the new Forest Management Plan that Dan will be conducting.

10. TIN MOUNTAIN CONSERVATION CENTER SCHOLARSHIPS It was unanimously voted to expend up to \$1000 for scholarships.

11. ECC BOARD MEMBERS Peter Klose is resigning from the Conservation Commission as one can only serve as a full member on one Town board and he is also on the Planning Board. His resignation

was accepted with regret. It was agreed that Holly Fortin will be recommended to the selectmen as an ECC member.

12. JOINT MEETING OF TOWN OF EATON BOARDS This will take place on May 23, 2018 at 7:00 PM. At Town Hall. There was discussion of possible ECC related topics.

13. OTHER The 4-H coordinator for Cooperative Extension would like to arrange a "Wild Side Hiking Challenge" up Foss Mt. for 4-H families.

Marnie shared information on programs of The NH Lakes Association including their "Lakes Congress" in Meredith on 5/31 and 6/1/2018.

Next meeting: June 11, 2018 at 7:00 PM

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler

Eaton Conservation Commission
June 11, 2018

Prior to the meeting Tom Gross and William Abbott and Anne Pillion of Upper Saco Valley Land Trust (USVLT) presented their findings from their on groundwater protection study in Eaton.

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00. Present were Marnie Cobbs, Dick Brisbois, Tom Head, Paul Savchick, Holly Fortin, Judy Fowler and Dave Lovequist as guest..

2.ADMINISTRATION The minutes of the 5/14/18 meeting were unanimously approved with the following change in the first sentence of "item 11 ECC Board Members." It should read "*Only one person is allowed to be on two boards/commissions simultaneously and Paul Savchick is that person.*"

3.TREASURER'S REPORT

Eaton Conservation Fund	\$ 5,291.93
Forest Management Fund	57,648.56
Land Acquisition Fund	<u>8,027.14</u>
	\$70,967.63

Treasurer's report was unanimously accepted.

4.Dave Lovequist brought to the ECC's attention concerns about issues on Willis Bean and Elbow Roads where, due to some wash out, there is siltation into the brook there with native brook trout. Damage to areas around the two Willis bean Rd. bridges was also discussed.

5.BLUEBERRY MANAGEMENT Although the State of New Hampshire has no record of organic certification for Ryan Bushnell he said he is certified for this by the Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association.

5.FOREST MANAGEMENT Paul reported that the running planks for the Willis Bean Rd. bridges have been ordered but not yet picked up.

The ECC requested information about gating part of Foss Mt. Rd. during mud season due to vehicles tearing it up. A lawyer for the NH Municipal Association responded with the opinion that a Class VI road cannot be closed off. If gates are placed they must not be locked.

6.FOSS MOUNTAIN The USVLT is requesting that their signs be placed in the kiosks along the trail re: their part in protecting the McKenzie tract. Kiosks need checking and Holly and Judy will do so.

Peter Klose and Dick Brisbois repainted the blazes over the ledges to the top of Foss. Along with Dick Fortin, they removed the tree that was blocking the trail.

7.NATURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY This will be discussed at the July ECC meeting.

8.OTHER Marnie and Maria Gross are working on signs re: invasive species in lakes and streams.

Dick Brisbois put forth the idea of a kayak rack at the put-in at Crystal Lake.

It was unanimously voted by the ECC to have the Planning Board look into a Groundwater Protection Ordinance for Eaton.

Next meeting: 9, 2018

Meeting adjourned at 9:10PM

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler.

Eaton Conservation Commission
July 9, 2018

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM. Present were Marnie Cobbs, Tom Head, Dick Brisbois, Dave Sorensen, Holly Fortin and Judy Fowler.

2.ADMINISTRATION Minutes of the 6/11/18 meeting were unanimously approved.

3.TREASURER'S REPORT

Eaton Conservation Fund	\$ 5,291.97
Forest Management Fund	57,649.00
Land Acquisition Fund	<u>8,027.14</u>
	\$ 70,968.11

Treasurer's report was unanimously approved.

4.LAKE MANAGEMENT A.Signage – Marnie checked water body signs with the following results: Crystal Lake – there is a sign re: stopping the spread of invasive plants but the sign re: limits to horsepower of boat motors had been removed; Hatch Pond - very limited signage re: loons and anglers; Long Pond – no signage; Potter Road – only a worn out loon sign there and a sign re: exotic plants is needed; Purity Lake – a variety of signs at the non-motorized put-in.

B. Training on invasive plants will be taught by Amy Smagula on 7/21/18 at 9:00 AM at the Conway Recreation Center.

5.BLUEBERRY MANAGEMENT A.Marnie ascertained with MOFGA that they have Ryan Bushnell's organic certification.

B.Marnie spoke with Jim Innes, District Ranger at the Saco Ranger Station and he was optimistic about their participating in a burn of our blueberry fields in the spring before Foss Mt. Rd is open.

C.Dick made five "No Picking " signs for Brooks Pasture and Marnie put them up.

6.FOSS MOUNTAIN A.Re: the recent bicycling column in the Conway Daily Sun (CDS) about using mountain bikes on the new Foss Mt. Trail, it was agreed that Holly would write a letter to the editor explaining that this is not allowed. She would also write a letter to the columnist explaining same and request that she clarify this in her next column. There will be signs put up stating "Foot Traffic Only; No Wheeled Vehicles" at the parking lot for the new trail as well as other Foss Mt. access points.

B.Judy and Holly will check the kiosks.

C.Saplings along the Foss Mt. Ridge need cutting.

7.FOREST MANAGEMENT A.Re: gate by the A-frame house, selectmen are still researching whether the road is a Class VI one. They are also looking into how to deal with the mud hole in that area.

B.Coyote hunters with radio-collared dogs were reported on Foss.

C. On 6/15/18 Dan Stepanauskas and Marnie went to all the Town land timbered areas and found evidence of ATV use in one area."No ATV" signs are needed for Town land areas near Maine lines and other areas. Dan said he needs the maps from Paul Savchick.

D.Frank Perrault has begun timbering on Unit 9, lot 25 (across from alpaca farm).

8.NATURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY Dave reported that the selectmen are in the beginning stages of discussion about the town getting a GIS system.

9.OTHER A.Clearing of the Giles Place is planned for the fall.

B.Letters to camps about party size limits have not been sent recently. This will be discussed with Dick Fortin.

C."No Snowmobiling" signs will be put in place.

D. The Eaton end of Conway Lake has seen unusual heavy activity from canoe liveries. Boulders have been added along the road to reduce the amount of put-ins in that limited space.

Next meeting: August 13, 2018 at 7:00 PM

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler

Eaton Conservation Commission
August 13, 2018

1.Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM. Present were Marnie Cobbs, Dave Sorensen, Tom Head, Dick Brisbois, Holly Fortin and Judy Fowler.

2.ADMINISTRATION Minutes of the 7/9/18 meeting were unanimously approved.

3.TREASURER'S REPORT

Eaton Conservation Fund	\$ 5,292.01
Forest Management Fund	57,649.44
Land Acquisition fund	<u>8,027.14</u>
	\$70,968.59

Treasurer's report was unanimously accepted.

4.WETLAND AND LAKE ISSUES A.Marnie showed possible signs re: invasive aquatic species for placement at Potter Rd. boat input and all fished ponds. After discussion a motion was unanimously approved to allow Marnie to have the signs printed up in a larger size for up to \$75.

B.Potter Rd. - Due to increased pressure for parking along Potter Rd. at the Eaton input, Ed Reilly, selectman, requested an opinion from the NH Municipal Association. Their response stated that under RSA 41:11 and 47:17 (XVIII), town selectmen can post signs along the road re: parking. A motion was unanimously approved that the ECC supports the selectmen considering signage on Potter Rd near the put-in as long as this is agreed to by the abutting landowners and commercial boating purveyors are contacted.

5.BLUEBERRY MANAGEMENT A.Marnie and Tom collected soil samples in Brooks Pasture and the McKenzie piece and sample have been sent for testing.

B.Horizon Forestry - A motion was unanimously approved to request Horizon Forestry to cut the Foss Mt. Ridge, Brooks Pasture and for the view at the top of Manson Hill. It is hoped that a volunteer group will be able to cut south of the old trail.

C.Kiosks Upper Saco Valley Land Trust is OK with any size sign for the kiosks. There was discussion re: purpose and priorities of the kiosks.

D. "The Foot Traffic Only and No Wheeled Vehicles" signs are posted.

6.FOREST MANAGEMENT A. Willis Bean Rd. bridges and road work – nothing new.

B.ECC concerns about the water quality re: the Bend Rd. mud hole are referred to the selectmen.

C.Timbering continues on the Foss Mt. Rd cut.

D.Dick Brisbois mounted "No ATV" and "No Bear Dog" signs on boards, and Tom and Marnie posted them.

E Paul has had some technical glitches that are delaying his getting the Town land maps to Dan.

7. GILES PLACE Clean up scheduled for October.

8.NEW BUSINESS There was discussion re: invasiveness of Japanese knotweed around town. Marnie was given information about an organization called The American Conservation Experience that provides crews to deal with invasive plants. To be discussed further.

Next meeting: September 10, 2018.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler.

Eaton Conservation Commission
September 10, 2018

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

2.ADMINISTRATION Minutes of the 8/13/18 meeting were unanimously approved.

3.TREASURER'S REPORT

Eaton Conservation Fund	\$ 5,292.06
Forest Management Fund	57,649.99
Land Conservation Fund	<u>8,027.14</u>
	\$70,969.19

*Treasurer's report was unanimously accepted.

*It was unanimously voted to repay Marnie \$112.41 (soil sample sent to UNH: \$5.15; sheet rock screws for posting signs: \$11.96; lamination of "Foot Traffic Only" signs: \$7.77; twelve laminated signs re: invasive species: \$73.53; soil testing: \$14.00.)

4.WETLAND/LAKE ISSUES A.Paul presented information on The McConkey plans for property in Snowville.

B.The ECC reviewed an After-the Fact wetland permit from Marla Browning with the decision that no action is needed by the ECC.

C."Invasive Species" signs have been placed at Long lake, Hatch Pond and Conway Lake put-in at Potter Rd. More signs are available.

5.BLUEBERRY MANAGEMENT A.An estimate for brush cutting in late October on Foss Mt. has been received from Horizon Forestry. They estimate \$7,550.00 (\$5,075 for the ridge of Foss and the top of Manson Hill; \$2,475 for Brooks Pasture and north of the old trail.)

B.Filling holes from rock removal – It was agreed that ECC members and volunteers would work filling holes at 9:00 AM on 11/3/18 with rain date of 11/4/18.

C.Brush cutting – There will be a volunteer brush-clipping on Foss south of the old trail and on the McKenzie piece on 10/13/18 with rain date of 10/14/18.

D.Results of the soil analysis after sulfur spreading showed pH of 5.2 for Brooks Pasture and pH of 4.4 on the McKenzie piece with recommendation that no lime or sulfur is needed in either place.

E.Kiosks will be reviewed by Judy and Holly.

F.Re: blueberry field management, Paul will look into burners for the blueberry fields.

6.FOREST MANAGEMENT A.Willis Bean Rd. bridges – Road grading as well as the bridge work is needed.

B.Timbering on Foss Mt. Rd. continues.

C.Maps – Paul and Dan will confer on this.

D.Giles Place clean-up – maybe not until next year with all the blueberry field work coming up.

7.ECC PRIORITIES These needs review and long discussion.

8.NH ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION COMMISSIONS The annual meeting will be 11/3/18.

9.OTHER Paul surveyed some Natural Resource Inventories of other towns in NH. This is regarded as along term project.

Next meeting: October 8, 2018 at 7:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler.

Eaton Conservation Commission
October 8, 2018

1.Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM. Present were Marnie Cobbs, Holly Fortin, Judy Fowler, Tom Head and Paul Savchick.

2.ADMINISTRATION Minutes of the 9/10/18 meeting were unanimously approved.

3.TREASURER'S REPORT Dick Brisbois was absent but had stated that this month's report is very similar to September's.

A. An invoice was received for \$263. from Dan Stepanauskas for work on Town lands.

B. A check was received from Ryan Bushnell for \$6,525 for blueberries picked this summer (@ 75 cents per pound to the Town.)

4.WETLAND AND LAKE A.The Planning Board has discussed having a zoning amendment to deal with septic setbacks and wants input from the ECC. More towns in NH are increasing such setbacks. One suggestion was that wetland setbacks not be eligible for variance from the Zoning Board of Adjustment although alternative approaches to septic installation could be offered. Paul will report back on the idea.

5.BLUEBERRY MANAGEMENT/FOSS MOUNTAIN A.Holly and Judy presented their findings from looking over the kiosks along the Foss Mt. trail. The information in them continues to be relevant and they are basically in good shape. Some minor repair to the lower two kiosks is needed. It was agreed that the parking lot kiosk, with the addition of an Upper Saco Valley Land Trust sign, would be moved to the other side of the trail so it will be more obvious to hikers.

B. Foss Mt. Trail. People are walking in the blueberries to avoid the ledges just above the new trail. It was decided to let this stand and keep monitoring that section.

C. Workday for hole filling in Brooks Pasture has been moved to 11/04/18.

D. Horizon Forestry will be asked to cut brush on the ridge and south of the old trail.

6.FOREST MANAGEMENT A. Willis Bean Rd bridge and road work - some new planks and some ditching are needed. Paul will talk to the Watsons who had expressed interest in being involved with this area. Further discussion at the next ECC meeting.

B. The timbering on Foss Mt. Rd continues.

C. Town land maps - Paul reported that the are being printed. There will be printed copies and a digital file.

D. Clean up of the Giles Place will be done next year.

7.ECC PRIORITIES Wetlands are of top priority, and a place to begin is a Natural Resources Inventory. There was discussion re: how this can be accomplished. Marnie mentioned the Student Conservation Association (manages Americore) that might be a source of people to help in this effort.

8.OTHER It was unanimously approved that Kristy Foster be added as an alternate to the ECC.

Next meeting: November 12 at 7:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler

Eaton Conservation Commission
November 12, 2018

1.Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM. Present were Marnie Cobbs, Dave Sorensen, Dick Brisbois, Paul Savchick, Holly Fortin, Judy Fowler and alternates Kristy Foster and Graham Knirk.

2.ADMINISTRATION Minutes of the 10/8/18 meeting were unanimously accepted.

3.TREASURER'S REPORT

Eaton Conservation Fund	\$ 5,179.73
Forest management Fund	59,331.72
Land Acquisition Fund	<u>8,027.14</u>
	\$72,538.59

A.A check for \$1,055.70 was received from the timbering on Foss Mt. Rd.

B.It was unanimously voted to pay Dan Stepanauskas \$263 for work on Town lands.

C.It was unanimously voted to send \$935 to Tin Mountain Conservation Center for camp scholarships.

4.WETLAND ANS LAKE ISSUES A. Mark Carbone is interested in hosting water testing in the future.

B.Standard Dredge and Fill Permits: one from DOT for planned work in Snowville for a big culvert; an after-the-fact application for culvert on Stuart Rd. from Marla Browning; State of NH for culvert work on Rt. 153 near Little White Church. All were informational, requiring no comment from the ECC.

5.BLUEBERRY MANAGEMENT A.Gate and kiosk work at the beginning of the trail will be done in the spring. It was agreed to look into placing a secure metal box near the trail gate for donations.

B.Work day for hole filling in Brooks pasture took place 11/4/18 with ten volunteers. Only the middle section was completed and more fill is needed to complete the whole field. Holly and Dick Fortin cleaned all the water bars along the trail.

C.Horizon Forestry, with a crew of 30 workers over a day and a half in the rain and fog, cut saplings out of all the blueberry fields. They are requesting to cut every other year (rather than every three) as it will be much more efficient for keeping the brush down.

D.Forest Burn Walk – Marnie and Dick Fortin walked the Foss Mt.fields with John Neely of the White Mountain National Forest's Fire Management Program. He expressed interest in their doing a burn of all the Foss Mt. Fields in the spring once every three to five years. Preparation for the burn would take three days. This will be further explored and Larry Nash, as Eaton's fire warden, will be notified.

6.FOREST MANAGEMENT Willis Bean Rd. and bridge work – Paul looked these over and cleared out some water bars. He felt the bridge work could wait until spring.

B.DES sent the permit for the current timbering on Foss Mt. Rd. re: crossing wetlands.

C. Property within Town lands – Paul was contacted by the Lyna family who own a piece of property surrounded by Town lands and there is some discrepancy re: the number of acres they own. He will follow up with them.

D.Thurston Rd. in Brownfield right of way to Town lands – Paul will talk with Shirley Baldwin re: whether they will allow access through their property.

E. Giles Place work will wait for the spring.

F.Dan Stepanauskas, Town forester, has requested an hourly rate increase from his current \$45 per hour to \$55 per hour. This pertains to work other than timber sales from which he receives a percentage of the sale proceeds. Holly moved to give him a \$10 increase. In discussion Paul moved to amend that to read to give Dan a \$10 increase and discuss with him how the new hourly rate would affect his not exceeding the up to \$7,000 the ECC had voted on for his work on the new management plan update. It was further agreed that this would be discussed concurrently with Dan's submission of his results for the first management unit. Votes in favor: Paul, Marnie, Dick, Holly and Judy; vote opposed: Dave.

7.OTHER A. Kristy Foster and Graham Knirk were welcomed to the ECC as alternates.

B.Selectmen's Report – Dave shared information about the planned addition to Town Hall. No building action will be taken until after the 2020 Town Meeting. The Pine trees behind Town hall will be removed and a roadway added to go directly to the sand pile by the Town garage.

C.Thank you notes were signed by all ECC members present for the volunteers who helped with hole filling.

D.Marnie mentioned a program: "Actions for Wildlife in a Changing Climate" sponsored by NH Fish and Game, UNH Cooperative Extension and NH Association of Conservation Commissions at Laconia Community College 2/7/18.

E.NH Association of Conservation Commissions – It was unanimously voted to pay the yearly dues.

F.Green Mountain Conservation Group will host a "Drinking Water Protection" workshop at their Blue Heron House in Effingham on 11/28/18.

Next meeting: December 10, 2018 at 7:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler.

Eaton Conservation Commission
December 10, 2018

1.Meeting call to order at 7:00 PM. Present were Marnie Cobbs, Tom Head, Dick Brisbois, Dave Sorensen, Paul Savchick, Holly Fortin and Judy Fowler.

2.ADMINISTRATION Minutes of the 11/12/18 meeting were unanimously accepted with the correction in section # 5 D, the beginning of the second to last sentence should read “Preparation for the burn would take three days.”

3.TREASURER’S REPORT

Eaton Conservation Fund	\$ 10,769.84
Forest Management Fund	60,124.37
Land Acquisition fund	<u>8,027.14</u>
	\$ 78,921.35

It was unanimously voted to pay Horizon Forestry \$9,499.75 for cutting the Foss Mt. ridge and all fields.

Treasurer’s report was unanimously accepted.

4.GREEN MOUNTAIN CONSERVATION GROUP Marnie shared information from their presentation on Drinking Water Source Protection. Eaton has a Water Protection Ordinance, but not a specific Drinking Water Source Protection one. It is felt that study is needed in this area and grants may be available.

5.BLUEBERRY MANAGEMENT A.Marnie shared information and photos of an iron donation box that could be placed at the Foss Mt. Trail entrance. Other organizations have found this helpful. It was unanimously voted to have John Grady fabricate one for \$300.

B.”No Snowmobile” signs will be put up by Dick and Holly.

6.FOREST MANAGEMENT A.The Forest Management Plan sample submitted by Dan Stepanauskas was reviewed. It had been voted on 11/12/18 to pay him up to \$7000 at his new hourly rate that covered 2,092 acres of Town forest. The South Eaton lot of 139 acres had not been included in that figure and it was unanimously voted to add \$446 to the \$7000 to include that piece.

B.Maps of Town lands – Paul shared maps that he had had printed. After discussion it was agreed to provide Dan with two large maps at a scale of 1/500. Paul will get more information re: printing and costs.

C.Rights-of-way from Thurston Rd for timbering remains to be addressed.

7.SELECTMEN’S REPORT The selectmen have decided not to put No Parking signs on Potter Rd. and feel the ECC should encourage landowners to put up such signs.

Next meeting will be January 14, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler.