

Eaton Conservation Commission
January 14, 2019

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

2.ADMINISTRATION Minutes of the 12/10/18 meeting were unanimously accepted.

3.TEASURER'S REPORT

Eaton Conservation Fund	\$10,769.92
Forest Management Fund	62,928.51
Land Acquisition Fund	<u>8,027.14</u>
	\$81,725.57

The treasurer's report was unanimously approved.

4.GREEN MOUNTAIN CONSERVATION GROUP They are looking for a new director.

5.BLUEBERRY MANAGEMENT A.The iron donation box, discussed at the last meeting, has been ordered.

B.Holly and Dick Fortin put up "No Snowmobile" signs on Foss Mt..

6.FOREST MANAGEMENT Dan Stepanauskas, Town forester, presented his Forest Management Plan for the Eaton Town lands. Bound copies of the plan and maps highlighting each timber management unit were provided. One of the large maps was left up for viewing at Town Meeting. Holly will draft some explanation to accompany that map and. Marnie will do some enhancing of the map to make it easier to understand.

Dan presented his bill for this work: Basic contract- \$7000, addition of South Eaton (Bloise) Lot - \$350, eight bound copies of the management plan and large maps - \$361.80 = \$7,711.80. It was unanimously voted to pay Dan \$7,711.80.

7.SELECTMENS' REPORT A.Dave said the ECC annual report is due 2/1/19.

B. The selectmen are working on the Town budget prior to Town Meeting.

C.The Building Committee has been meeting, focusing on the Town Hall. They see many upgrades needed to the present building. An addition to the current building will probably happen in a couple of years and they are asking for a five year plan from the road agent.

8.OTHER Marnie said there had been an inquiry from Taffy Case about a trail from Paul Hill Rd. to the top of Foss Mt. Much of this would be on private land. To be discussed further.

Next meeting: February 11, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler.

Eaton Conservation Commission
February 11, 2019

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

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

3.TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Treasurer's Report was unanimously accepted.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Next meeting: March 11, 2019

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler.

Eaton Conservation Commission
March 11, 2019

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

2.ADMINISTRATION Minutes of the 2/11/19 meeting were unanimously accepted.

3.TREASURER'S REPORT

Eaton Conservation fund	\$11,705.10
Forest Management Fund	47,350.04
Land Acquisition Fund	<u>8,039.64</u>
	\$67,094.78

Dick reported that the Henney Trust will be allotting the ECC \$759.36 this year toward camp scholarships.

4.WETLAND and LAKE ISSUES Mark Carbone will meet with Jill Emerson of Green Mountain Conservation Group to discuss hosting of the lake monitoring program this year.

5.BLUEBERRY MANAGEMENT A.The iron donation box with lock created by Brian Grady has been paid for and can be picked up this month. How to set it was discussed. Judy Fowler to follow up.

B.There will be a meeting 3/14/19 at the Saco River Ranger Station to discuss the planned burn on Foss Mt. with White Mt. National Forest staff.

C. George Hill owner of property on Paul Hill Rd., responded affirmatively to the letter about the burn, and is in the process of donating some of his land to USVLT.

D.The Watsons, owner of Peddler's End, are looking into buying a mechanical burner for management of their blueberry fields. Paul shared information from an article stating that Little Bluestem grass has been controlled by burn temperatures of 2000 degrees.

6.FOREST MANAGEMENT A.The Foss Mountain Rd. timbering is finished.

B.Willis Bean Rd. - The Watsons have offered to help maintain Willis Bean Rd. from the DD Camp to the Maine border including the two bridges there. Paul noted that the steel parts of the bridges need painting.

C.There was discussion about ways to identify ATV's using and damaging roads on Town lands.

7.SELECTMEN'S REPORT Dave reminded everyone about Town meeting on 3/12/19.

Next meeting: April 8, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler

Eaton Conservation Commission
April 8, 2019

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

2.ADMINISTRATION *Minutes of the 3/11/19 meeting were unanimously accepted.*
Dick Fortin was welcomed as the new selectmen's representative to the ECC.

3.TREASURER'S REPORT

Eaton Conservation Fund	\$11,405.20
Forest Management Fund	50,219.83
Land Acquisition Fund	<u>8,039.64</u>
	\$69,664.67

Treasurer's report was unanimously accepted.

4.WETLAND and LAKE ISSUES Dick F. will orient Mark Carbone to the lake monitoring tools. He will also bring our current monitoring equipment to Bob Craycraft at UNH to be re-calibrated, and discuss it with him and determine our water testing priorities. *It was unanimously approved to allocate up to \$500 towards costs for the UNH Cooperative Extension Lay Lakes Monitoring program.*

5.DREDGE and FILL An application was reviewed from Marla Browning for a driveway/culvert permit. *It was unanimously approved that the ECC did not need to intervene.*

6.BLUEBERRY MANAGEMENT A. After discussion, the following was agreed upon for signage to be placed on the Foss Mt. iron donation box:

Donations
for land stewardship,
trail and view maintenance.
Thank you!
Eaton Conservation Commission

It was unanimously approved to spend up to \$50 for a couple of signs. Judy will follow up.

B. Grant for burn with the White Mt. National Forest Service. Marnie will send the grant application to NH Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, Division of Forest and Lands Forest Protection Resources. This will help reimburse the Forest Service for some of their costs.

C. Ryan Bushnell wants to pick the Foss Mt. Blueberry fields again. He provided a breakdown of income from the fields back to 2010.

7.FOREST MANAGEMENT A. Willis Bean Rd. will probably not be drive-able for at least two more weeks.

B. Game camera pricing. After discussion Dick F. agreed to research and look into specifics of the ones at the Town garage. *It was unanimously approved to spend up to \$160 for a game camera and lock.*

8.OTHER A. Selectmen's Report. Dick F. shared that they are looking to reduce the cost of lighting at Town Hall and at the Town garage.

The selectmen have had inquiries from parents about the Eaton children not being able to use the Conway Recreation Center. They have decided the Town will reimburse up to \$200 per child for participation in recreational sports activities.

B. Marnie and Dick F. attended a mapping workshop by Shane Brandt of UNH Cooperative Extension at Green Mountain Conservation Group.

D. Marnie and Dick F. walked the boundary line of the McKenzie piece on Foss Mt.. Marnie will meet with Doug Burnell to walk it again as Doug is the one who originally surveyed it. The boundary needs paint.

Next Meeting: May 13, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler

Eaton Conservation Commission
May 13, 2019

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

2.ADMINISTRATION *Minutes of the 4/8/19 meeting were unanimously accepted.*

3.TREASURER'S REPORT

Eaton Conservation Fund	\$ 11,405.29
Forest Management Fund	50,220.22
Land Acquisition Fund	<u>8,039.64</u>
	\$ 69,665.15

Treasurer's report was unanimously approved.

It was unanimously approved that Marnie be reimbursed \$161.20 for the purchase of a game camera and lock.

4.SCHOLARSHIPS *It was unanimously approved to spend up to \$1000 for Eaton children to attend Tin Mountain Conservation Center summer camps. What is not covered by the Henney Fund will come from the Eaton Conservation Fund.*

5.WETLAND and LAKE ISSUES Dick Fortin met with Bob Craycraft of the UNH Cooperative Extension Lay Lakes Monitoring program. It was agreed that Crystal Lake, Long Pond and Thurston Pond will be tested for: alkalinity, phosphorous, chlorophyll-a, and conductivity. The conductivity meter is upgraded. Cost for four months of testing: \$288 plus 10% for data processing = \$328. The equipment is not yet ready. Mark Carbone will do coliform testing in three places on the Crystal Lake beach and this will come out of the selectmen's budget.

6.BLUEBERRY MANAGEMENT A.Spreading of sulfur on the blueberry fields for Little Bluestem grass was discussed and it was decided to hold off until next year.

B.Trail maintenance - Holly and Dick Fortin cleaned the water bars and Marnie moved a downed tree off the trail.

C. Burning with WMNF - They are still interested but don't know if this will happen in the fall or next spring.

D.Marnie walked the McKenzie piece with Doug Burnell of Upper Saco Valley Land Trust and he will make sure that the boundary lines for that parcel will be painted.

E. Donation Box - Judy picked up the sign that will go on the box and Marnie will keep it with the box that is in her barn until it is installed.

7.FOREST MANAGEMENT A.Willis Bean Rd. - The Watsons have reported that the road is not passable for bridge repair.

B.The Watsons picked up 22 discarded tires on Foss Mt. And will take them to the transfer station. It was unanimously approved to reimburse the Watsons \$110 for tire disposal.

C. ATV use on Foss Mt. - There has been unauthorized recreational ATV use on Foss. After discussion it was decided that Dick F. will bring this up again with the other selectmen. Paul will contact Alex Lopashanski of NH Fish and Game to discuss the issue further. Dick F. will also contact the NH Municipal Association to further discuss the ECC concerns about closing gates to restrict the negative impacts of ATV use during the spring road conditions.

8.NATURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY Paul will send all ECC members information about how other towns categorize their Natural Resource Inventories prior to the next meeting. There may be grants available through NH Fish and Game and NH Dept. of Resources and Economic Development to help in this project.

9.OTHER A. Selectmen's Report - Dick F reported that the Town may apply for a grant for work along Linscott Brook. This year will just be reconnaissance of the area with work possibly being done in 2021. More will be known about this in October.

B.Marnie thanked Dick Brisbois for providing information for a spreadsheet of ECC expenses.

C.Thank you note will be sent to the Watsons for their tire removal efforts.

D.Interactive Stone Wall Mapping project. - Information about this state-wide project using LiDAR technology to map NH stone walls was discussed.

Next meeting: June 10, 2019

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler

Eaton Conservation Commission
June 10, 2019

1.Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM. Present were Marnie Cobbs, Dick Fortin, Tom Head, Dick Brisbois, Paul Savchick, Holly Fortin, Judy Fowler and Mark Watson as guest.

2.ADMINISTRATION *Minutes of the 5/13/19 meeting were unanimously approved.*

3.TREASURER'S REPORT

Eaton Conservation Fund	\$ 11,180.40
Forest Management Fund	50,220.70
Land Acquisition Fund	<u>8,039.64</u>
	\$ 69,440.74

Treasurer's report was unanimously accepted.

4.NATURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY There was extensive discussion about how to approach creating a NRI. It was decided that, in addition to reviewing the indexes of the NRI's of some NH towns, we would each begin to explore some web sites such as NH Fish and Game Wildlife Action Plan, UNH Cooperative Extension NRI, National Wetlands Inventory Wetlands Mapper, NH Wetlands Mapper and Web Soil Survey.

5.RIDGE LINE ZONING Tabled.

6.WETLAND and LAKE ISSUES A. Joseph Snow spring – Marnie will take a sample of the spring water. Paul thought the five acres where the spring sits was deeded to the Town with the covenant that it be kept active.

7.BLUEBERRY MANAGEMENT A. Burn with White Mt. National Forest staff will probably take place in the fall. The fire line was walked 5/21/19.

B.Marnie thanked Dick and Holly F. for their trail maintenance.

C.Donation box – Dick B. has attached the donation sign.

D.The big kiosk will be spruced up and moved to make it more noticeable by people hiking up the trail. Tom will ask for help for moving this kiosk and for installing the donation box.

E.There was discussion with Mark Watson of Peddler's End about using a portable propane burner for blueberry field burning. It will take a lot of fuel and Paul will approach White Mt. Oil about help with getting fuel to the blueberry field sites.

8.FOREST MANAGEMENT A. Dan Stapanauskas is continuing explore ways to access to Unit # 2 from its back side. Work is beginning on Unit # 6.

B.Mark Watson, reported no more sightings of ATV's around Foss Mt. NH Fish and Game had been notified about improper use of ATV's there.

C.Bridge repair on Willis Bean Rd. - Mark Watson is willing to take up running boards from both bridges which will help to identify how extensive is the damage to these boards.

9.OTHER A.Selectmen's Report – Dick F. reported that the selectmen are negotiating a new ambulance contract, along with five other towns.

B. Dick F. also reported that a response was just received from the NH Municipal Association about possible seasonal closing of Willis Bean Rd. He will report further after this has been discussed with the other selectmen.

C.Marnie reported that Upper Saco Valley Land Trust members will be walking the boundary of the McKenzie parcel on Foss and have invited any who wish to participate in this to do so.

D. There will be a hearing at Town Hall 6/12/19 re: cutting of trees by Eversource along a scenic road.

Next meeting will be July 8, 2019

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler

Eaton Conservation Commission
July 8, 2019

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

2.ADMINISTRATION *Minutes of the 6/10/19 meeting were unanimously accepted with the following amendments:* In item # 4 add National Wetlands Inventory Wetlands Mapper, NH Wetlands Mapper and Web Soil Survey; In item # 7 E, line two replace “Marnie” with “Paul.”

3.TREASURER’S REPORT

Eaton Conservation Fund	\$ 10,996.28
Forest Management Fund	51,063.23
Land Acquisition Fund	<u>8,039.64</u>
	\$ 70,099.15

Treasurer’s report was unanimously accepted.

4.NATURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY Further websites to check out are: NH Fish and Game Wildlife Management Plan, NRCS Web Soil Survey and UNH GRANIT View.

5.WETLAND/LAKE ISSUES A.Mark Carbone did E. coli testing in Crystal Lake with results of less than 1 (8 is unsafe) so the lake is looking well. He continues to monitor Crystal Lake, Long and Thurston ponds.

B.Dick F. called the NH State Police Marine Patrol about Camp Waukeela’s obstacle course balls in Crystal Lake. The balls will now be set out when in use and removed when not in use.

C.There are concerns with increased boat use on Crystal Lake, especially re: introduction of milfoil. Two signs will be placed at the boat launch: “No Boat in Excess of Headway Speed under NH RSA 270” and “Motorboats in Excess of 10 Horsepower are Prohibited under NH RSA 270.”

6.BLUEBERRY MANAGEMENT A.Paul reported that White Mountain Oil is willing to deliver propane and put in a remote pumping station for burning of the blueberry fields. Dick F. reported that the propane truck may be fine going up Manson Hill but the selectmen want the road closed while the truck is going up and down Manson Hill.. He also reported that the selectmen are not supporting burning of the Town blueberry fields with volunteers with the Watsons’ burner. The Watsons have ordered a burner for their fields.

B. Donation box and lower kiosk – The box was installed and the kiosk moved by Tom, Dick B., Dick F., and Peter Klose. The box will be painted to match the kiosk.

C. Ryan Bushnell will not be picking blueberries in Town fields this year.

7.FOREST MANAGEMENT A.The Watsons are volunteering their equipment and labor to do repairs on the first Willis Bean bridge and they estimate materials will be under \$2000. *It was unanimously voted for ECC to expend up to \$2000 for bridge repair on Willis bean Rd., payable to Mark and Nancy Watson.*

B.Paul sent Alex Lopashanski of NH Fish and Game information from ECC game cameras re: ATV use on Foss Mt.

8.OTHER

Joseph Snow spring – Paul has ordered a deed and map. The spring was deeded to the ECC 12/24/81. Marnie and Holly have tried to access it and better understand how it flows.

Selectmen's Report – A.Dick F. reported that the selectmen continue to work on speed and signage on Rt. 153 through the middle of Town. They have asked the NH Dept. of Transportation to attend more to signage and will talk to Senator Jeb Bradley about this issue.

B. John Border is now the Eaton representative to the Carroll County Broadband Committee.

C.The NH Dept. of Environmental Services has finished surveying culverts in Eaton and will share their information.

D.The assessor has noted some building permit issues.

E.Crystal Lake Rd. - All parties there have agreed on how to handle the issues with this road but the Freedom fire chief will not sign off on their plan unless the road is widened and a large tree is removed.

Next meeting will be August 12, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler.

Eaton Conservation Commission
August 12, 2019

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

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

3. TREASURER’S REPORT

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

Treasurer’s report was unanimously accepted.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler.

Eaton Conservation Commission
September 9, 2019

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

2. ADMINISTRATION *Minutes of the 8/12/19 meeting were unanimously accepted.*

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Eaton Conservation Fund	\$11,112.47
Forest Management Fund	51,064.11
Land Acquisition Fund	<u>8,039.64</u>
	\$70,216.22

The donation box yielded \$36.

4. FOREST MANAGEMENT A. Willis Bean Rd. bridges – Drainage is needed at the eastern end of the bridges and water bar clearing there is necessary. Paul will contact Russ Lanoie re: advice on the overall drainage issues in this area.

B. Timbering – Paul will contact Dan Stepanauskas with concerns re: road damage from timbering equipment on Unit # 6. Timbering in Unit # 2 has been cancelled.

C. Discussion of signage re: ATV's and hunting with bear dogs was tabled until the next meeting.

5. SELECTMEN'S REPORT A. Under drains have been installed along Stewart and Bull Pasture Roads. Both roads will be just skim coated this fall so it can be determined how well the under drains work.

B. There will be a Joint Boards meeting later this month with significant topics being Air B & B's and noise ordinances, Capital Improvement Committee and camping on Town lands.

C. Field Electric has been hired to re-wire Town Hall.

D. There will shortly be a six-town meeting with four local ambulance companies re: contracts for the coming year.

6. WETLANDS and LAKES E. coli readings stayed low all summer.

7. BLUEBERRY MANAGEMENT A. Burn issues – A rare plant survey will be needed before burning and it will be done by Jeff Lougee of the Nature Conservancy. Marnie walked the burn area with Tom Trask of DRED's Division of Forests and Lands to discuss the anticipated upcoming burn and possible future use of a propane burner.

B. Foss Mt. trail – Dick and Holly Fortin cleaned water bars along the trail last week end and will recheck since the recent rain. The water bars are keeping water from running down the trail. They also cleaned out water bars along the road up into Brooks pasture.

8. OTHER BUSINESS A. Giles Place – Beavers have moved back in and the crossing is under water so there was discussion of how best to get in to the site for clean up.

B. ATV's are still going through the stream by the east side of the western bridge on Willis Bean Rd. Rocks will be placed to try to forestall this activity.

C. Possible letters to local snowmobile and ATV clubs was tabled to next meeting.

Next meeting: October 14, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler

Eaton Conservation Commission
October 14, 2019

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

2. ADMINISTRATION *Minutes of the 9/9/19 meeting were unanimously accepted.*

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Eaton Conservation Fund	\$10,114.55
Forest Management Fund	51,064.50
Land Acquisition Fund	<u>8,039.64</u>
	\$69,218.69

Treasurer's report was unanimously accepted.

4. FOREST MANAGEMENT A. Landing closures – The closures in Unit # 2 were checked by Marnie, Tom, Dick F. and Holly. One landing looked fine but the other needs cleaning up.

B. Willis Bean bridges – The ECC is looking at installing two or three water bars (swales) on the road east of the bridges. It is hoped this will happen this fall. *It was unanimously approved to allocate a maximum of \$2000 for work on the Willis Bean Rd.*

C. Signage for Maine/New Hampshire line beyond Willis Bean bridges - Dick Fortin will craft a sign indicating the state line crossing into NH. There will be another sign at the same location informing people that no ATV's are allowed (NH RSA 215-A:6, second paragraph.) Marnie will research this.

D. Rocks will be placed near the Willis Bean Rd second bridge to prevent ATV's from riding through the stream there.

5. WETLAND and LAKE ISSUES As a reminder of the seriousness of invasive issues in lakes Marnie reported that two instances of milfoil were prevented by lake hosts on Conway Lake this summer.

6. BLUEBERRY MANAGEMENT A. Burn update – Marnie, Dick F. and Jim Inness (Saco River ranger) signed an agreement but the NH state representative was not there so still needs to sign. Jeff Lougee did the required rare plant inventory.

B. Foss Mt. Trail – looks in good shape.

C. Horizon Forestry will be hired to cut the leased blueberry fields at the south end of Foss Mt.

7. SELECTMEN'S REPORT A. Dick F. reported that there have been quite a few requests for building permits (new and additions.)

B. Field Electric began work in September but have not returned in some weeks. Selectmen are working on getting some burned out street lights replaced.

C. Due to increased speeding on Rt. 153 during the Rt. 16 road repairs/bridge replacements, the Selectmen added more Sheriff Department patrol hours.

D. Ambulance service – selectmen are negotiating with the chosen company.

8. OTHER BUSINESS A. There will be a volunteer cutting day Sunday 11/10/19 at 9:00am on Foss.

B. Marnie attended a meeting on blueberry management in Otisfield, Maine.

Next meeting: November 11, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler.

Eaton Conservation Commission
December 9, 2019

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

2.ADMINISTRATION Minutes of the 10/14/19 meeting were unanimously accepted. There was no meeting in November due to weather.

Marnie asked for a moment of silence prior to this meeting to honor the death of Paul Savchick, long term ECC member and past ECC chair..

3.TREASURER'S REPORT

	October	November
Eaton Conservation Fund	\$10,150.65	\$11,186.74
Forest Management Fund	54,882.40	54,882.83
Land Acquisition Fund	<u>8,529.64</u>	<u>8,529.64</u>
	\$73,562.49	\$74,599.21

There was \$1797.90 paid from the Forest Management Fund to Mark Watson for materials for maintenance of the bridges on Willis Bean Rd. The donation box by the Foss Mt. Trail yielded \$38. Tom will check this box over the winter.

Treasurer's report was unanimously accepted.

4.FOREST MANAGEMENT A. Foss Mt. Rd. log landing - This will be cleared soon.

B.Willis Bean Rd. - The Watsons have volunteered 5 hours maintaining Willis Bean Rd. bridges.

C. Tom and Dick F. put up the "Welcome to NH" sign at the NH Maine border on Willis Bean Rd. as well as the "No ATV" signs.

5.WETLAND/LAKE – No issues this month.

6.SELECTMEN'S REPORT – None as Dick F. was not present.

7.BLUEBERRY MANAGEMENT A. Work day 11/10/19 to cut and pile brush on Foss Mt. - There were 17 enthusiastic volunteers.

B. That same week end Horizon Forestry cut all the lower Foss blueberry fields, north of the old trail and the McKenzie piece.

C. Dick and Holly Fortin cleared trees from the new trail.

8.OTHER A.Jess Davis who is researching and mapping cemeteries and historic sites near Brownfield, Maine walked some of the Eaton Town lands with Billy Angell looking at old cemetery sites.

B.Marnie sent an email to the Scrub Oak Scramblers snowmobile club, with whom the ECC had had a positive relationship in the past, expressing concerns that snowmobilers were aware that riding on the Foss blueberry fields is not allowed. Their response was positive. They have not been riding in that area and had lobbied successfully to have fines increased for off-trail riding.

Next meeting: January 13, 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler.