

Eaton Conservation Commission
February 10, 2020

1.Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm. Present were Marnie Cobbs, Tom Head, Dick Brisbois, Dick Fortin, Graham Knirk, Holly Fortin and Helon Hoffer as guest.

2.ADMINISTRATION *Minutes of the 1/13/20 meeting were unanimously accepted.*

3.TREASURER'S REPORT

Eaton Conservation Fund	\$11,186.93
Forest Management Fund	54,646.33
Land Acquisition Fund	<u>8,529.64</u>
	\$74,362.90

A bill was received from Horizon Forestry for clearing 23 acres in the front blueberry fields and around the old trail on Foss Mt. @ \$190 per acre = \$4,370. *Payment of \$4,370 to Horizon Forestry was unanimously approved.*

Treasurer's report was unanimously accepted.

4.FOREST MANAGEMENT There was discussion re: access to forest management unit # 3 next to the Brownfield, ME border.

5.SELECTMEN'S REPORT Dick F. reported that the Town tax rate may go up. The first bridge on Potter Rd. will be replaced in 2021 and Eversource will be doing some timbering there in preparation. The corner where Rt. 153, Glines Hill Rd. and Ridge Rd. converge continues to present problems (another accident occurred 2/08/20) and the selectmen have met with the Sheriff's Dept. about this. They will also will meet with Jeb Bradley and DOT. The upper floor of Town Hall will be replaced.

Dick F. also attended the "Sense of Place" meeting and it was noted that all of the natural areas in the Mount Washington valley are experiencing more and more use. Staff from the Forest Service have been concentrating their maintenance on the areas they have identified as high use areas.

6.WETLAND/LAKES No issues at this time.

7.BLUEBERRY MANAGEMENT A. There was discussion re: hole-filling in Brooks Pasture.

B. Ryan Bushnell will be contacted re: his contract to pick during the coming season..

C. Dick F. and Marnie walked Foss Mt. with Bob Bale of Tall Timbers re: burning in the blueberry fields and expect to be in continuing discussion with him.

8.OTHER BUSINESS A. Marnie welcomed Helon Hoffer to our meeting.

B. Green Mt. Conservation Group will hold a workshop 2/13/20 at the Madison library where people can bring water samples for testing.

C. Marnie and Holly have begun sorting Paul Savchick's ECC information and Judy will join them.

D. Green Mountain. Conservation Group seeks a new Eaton representative.

E. Warrant article re: Carbon Cash Back program will be presented at Town meeting.

F. A letter will be drafted to parents of young children in Town to assess interest in possible ECC activities for them.

Next meeting: March 9, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler