

Eaton Conservation Commission
June 8, 2020

1.Meeting called to order in the parking lot of Town Hall (due to coronavirus restrictions) at 6:00pm. Present were Marnie Cobbs, Tom Head, Dick Brisbois, Holly Fortin, Judy Fowler, Helon Hoffer and Dick Fortin.

2. ADMINISTRATION The minutes of the 3/9/20 meeting were unanimously accepted. There were no meetings in April and May due to the coronavirus restrictions.

3.TREASURER'S REPORT

Eaton Conservation Fund	\$ 6,400.18
Forest Management Fund	54,630.17
Land Acquisition Fund	<u>8,529.64</u>
	\$69,559.99

Tom reported that the lock box on Foss had \$65.25 on his last collection. With the \$2.33 already in hand we have a total of \$67.58 thus far.

Treasurer's report was unanimously accepted.

4.FOREST MANAGEMENT Marnie and Dan Stepanauskas will meet 6/18/20 to discuss how to approach Timber Unit # 3.

5.SELECTMEN'S REPORT Dick F. reported: Lianne is now back at Town her regular hours but Town Hall remains closed due to the coronavirus. The selectmen are meeting the first and third Tuesdays, 2 – 4pm by Zoom. The NHDOT has agreed to place four stop signs at the conjunction of Rt. 153, Glines Hill and Ridge Rd. along with a temporary curve change in front of the Timberlake house. They will monitor through June and July and then reevaluate. Re: new beach rules and structures – so far, so good. The July 4th picnic at the beach is cancelled due to the coronavirus.

6.WETLAND and LAKE ISSUES Mark Carbone will monitor Crystal Lake and also do chloroform testing at the beach.

7.BLUEBERRY MANAGEMENT Ryan Bushnell has requested that the amount he pays the Town be reduced from 75 cents to 60 cents per pint. *It was unanimously approved that he pay the Town 65 cents per pint.*

The Low Bush blueberry meeting scheduled for 3/17/20 was cancelled due to coronavirus.

8.FOSS MOUNTAIN A.*It was unanimously approved to pay \$111.35 for delivery of ¾ inch gravel along with a compactor@ \$50 per day to resurface the Foss Mt trail.* Dick F. and Helon will do the resurfacing and ditching for water run-off with plans to start at 6:00am 6/13/20. There will be signs posted that the trail will be closed for this work.

B.Bicycles on Foss Mt. There was extensive discussion on this issue as bicycle use seems to be increasing along with the general increase in use of Foss. *A motion was made that the ECC recommend that the selectmen prohibit the use of wheeled vehicles for recreational purposes on the Foss Mt. Trail, in the blueberry fields and along the Foss Mt. Ridge. Agreed were: Dick Brisbois, Marnie Cobbs, Dick Fortin, Holly Fortin, Judy Fowler and Tom Head. Helon Hoffer, as an alternate, expressed opposition.* Clear signage will be needed. Dick Fortin will research this topic and Helon will provide some examples.

There will be further discussion re: signage.

9.OTHER BUSINESS A. Jess Davis of the Brownfield Historical Society and the Watsons have agreed to repair stones and clear vegetation in the Fernald Cemetery (on the Watsons' land on the Willis Bean Rd.) They are also interested in the Brooks Cemetery near the Foss Mt. trail, in which John Brooks' stone is broken.

B. The Watsons have agreed to trim the grass in front of the A-frame house behind the blueberry fields and open the gate to that road.

C. It was unanimously approved to move the ECC meetings from 7:00pm to 6:00pm.

D. Marnie said the NH Association of Conservation Commissions would like email addresses of people on the ECC who may not be receiving their emails.

E. Dick F. and fire warden Larry Nash extinguished a camp fire on Foss Mt. We need stronger signage prohibiting fires.

F. Marnie will meet with representatives from Upper Saco Valley Land Trust to discuss the land on Foss Mt. that they steward.

G. It was unanimously approved to pay Billy Angell for gas for his tractor work on Foss.

H. Thorne Surveys – Marnie asked Rick Girardin for their records of boundary painting on Town lands but it was unclear when they might have them as the business is now Horizons Engineering and is moving to Conway.

I. Sorting of Paul Savchick's ECC related materials is ongoing.

Next meeting: July 13, 2020 at **600pm.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler