

Eaton Conservation Commission
July 13, 2020

1.Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm outside the Town Garage (due to coronavirus restrictions.) Present were Marnie Cobbs, Dick Fortin, Tom Head, Dick Brisbois, Holly Fortin, Judy Fowler, Helon Hoffer as alternate, and Heather McKendry.

2.ADMINISTRATION *The minutes of the 6/8/20 meeting were unanimously accepted with the following amendments:* In item # 8, B at the end re: those voting it should read “Helon Hoffer as an alternate expressed opposition.” In item #9, E the first sentence should read: “Dick F. and fire warden Larry Nash extinguished a camp fire on Foss Mt.”

3.TREASURERS’S REPORT

Eaton Conservation Fund	\$ 6,400.23
Forest Management Fund	54,630.59
Land Acquisition Fund	<u>8,529.64</u>
	\$69,560.46

To reported \$83.23 in the lock box on Foss.

Treasurer’s report was unanimously accepted.

4.FOREST MANAGEMENT Re: Timber Unit #3 which requires access through private land, Marnie reported an initial positive response from landowner Shirley Baldwin. Dan Stepanauskas will paint part of the boundary of the Baldwin piece to clarify exactly where he can timber if agreed by Mrs. Baldwin.

5.SELECTMEN’S REPORT Dick F. reported: There have been a number of requests re: house remodeling and additions as well as a couple of new houses. Town Hall may reopen at the end of July if the governor directs it so. Re: the July 4th raft protest in Crystal Lake, it was learned that a swimming raft must be with a piece of shorefront property, have reflective materials, display a name and address and cannot obstruct navigational lanes. Re: stop 4-way stop signs at Rt. 153, Glines Hill Rd. and Ridge Rd., reports are positive so far and there will be public hearing in August. The selectmen checked into a new house on Conway Lake, finding the setbacks were legal. Dick raised the point that the new house on Conway Lake was not subject to the recently adopted Steep Slope Ordinance because NH Statute exempts approved subdivisions from subsequent Zoning Amendments for 5 years.

6.BLUEBERRY MANAGEMENT A.“No picking” signs are posted in Brooks Pasture. There was discussion of other signage needed. Helon will send photos of the Cotton Valley Rail Trail signs.

B.Trail maintenance - On 6/13/20 Dick F., Helon and Graham Knirk resurfaced and ditched and added water bars to the wooded part of the Foss Mt. Trail. *It was unanimously voted to reimburse Dick Fortin \$50 that he paid out for the rented compactor used in this work.*

C.Ryan Bushnell accepted the ECC offer of his paying the Town 65 cents per pint.

7.OTHER BUSINESS A.New members: *It was unanimously approved to appoint Heather McKendry a full member and Helon Hoffer an alternate.*

B. Thurston cellar Hole - Judy will contact Billy Angell to ask if he will mow there with his tractor.

C. Marnie continues work on organizing Paul Savchick’s records.

D.Dick B. is exploring changing banks for a better interest rate.

E.New load of wood chips to fill holes in Brooks Pasture – Judy will ask Billy Angell if he will continue this work.

F.Tom put up the state line signs on the Willis Bean Rd.

G.Dredge and Fill - *Wood additions to tributaries to Hatch Pond and Pickerel Pond done by Dick Fortin privately were unanimously approved.*

Next meeting : August10, 2020 at **6:00pm.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler