

Eaton Conservation Commission
August 10, 2020

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

2.ADMINISTRATION *The minutes of the 7/13/20 meeting were unanimously approved with the following amendment. In item # 5 "selectmen's Report" the last sentence should read: "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".*

3.TREASURER'S REPORT

Dick B. was unable to access the financial information due to coronavirus issues. He will report on July and August next month. Tom brought \$156.40 from the donation box at the trail up Foss.

4.FOREST MANAGEMENT A contract will go to the selectmen for Rob Drew of Lovell, ME to cut in Unit # 3. There will also be a contract signed with a Brownfield private landowner re: access over her property to reach Unit # 3.

It was unanimously voted for to allot \$1800 for Dan Stepanauskas to do some timber stand improvement on the South Eaton (formerly Bloise) lot @ \$180 per acre.

5.SELECTMEN'S REPORT The selectmen have been working on the budget for next year. They have been in discussion with Stubby Heath and the upgrades for Stuart Rd., Bull Pasture Rd. and some other paved roads will now be a longer term project, possibly up to 10 years out. ECC members looked at the widened area behind Town Hall over to above the Town garage which will make it more efficient to dump and store more sand.

6.WETLAND/LAKE ISSUES None at this time.

7.BLUEBERRY MANAGEMENT Ryan Bushnell has people winnowing a good crop of blueberries in Brooks Pasture.

8.OTHER BUSINESS A. Jess Davis, her son and the Watsons worked on the Fernald cemetery (between the two Willis Bean bridges) on a volunteer basis.

B.Cindy Hall, National Coordinator of Integrated Pest Management for the US Fish and Wildlife Service whose parents live in Eaton is interested in surveying some of the Town lands for plant species.

C.William Abbott of Upper Saco River Valley Land Trust discussed with Marnie an easement USVLT has with the Hill property. They were apprized of ECC concerns about increased use of Foss Mt. and discussion will continue about any new paths they want to create.

D.The increased use of Foss was further discussed especially due to very heavy use this year as has been the case all over the valley

E.The Selectmen have decided to order that there be no wheeled vehicles on any Town lands.

Next meeting: September 14, 2020 at **6:00 pm**.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler