

Eaton Conservation Commission  
January 11, 2021

1. A duly-noticed virtual meeting of the ECC took place this date via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

As Chair of the Board of Selectmen, Dick Fortin found that due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order # 25 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this public body is authorized to meet electronically.

There is no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to this meeting, which was authorized pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Order. However, in accordance with the Emergency Order, Chairman Fortin confirmed public access to the meeting via Zoom for this electronic meeting. All members of the Commission have the ability to communicate contemporaneously during this meeting through this platform, and the public has access to contemporaneously listen and participate in this meeting by clicking on the following website address <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/>

Notice was given to the public of the necessary information for accessing the meeting. Instructions have also been provided on the Town website at [eatonnh.org](http://eatonnh.org). If anyone has a problem accessing the scheduled Commission meeting, please call 603 447-2391. In the event that the public is unable to access the meeting, the meeting will be adjourned and rescheduled.

Dick Fortin started the meeting by taking roll call attendance: Dick Fortin (Holly Fortin in the room), Marnie Cobbs (no one in the room), Tom Head (no one in the room), Judy Fowler (no one in the room), Heather McKendry (no one in the room), Holly Fortin (Dick Fortin in the room.)

2.AMINISTRATION *Minutes of the 12/14/20 meeting were unanimously accepted.*

3. TREASURER'S REPORT There was no report for this month. Dick B.will report on two months at the next meeting. Marnie reported that \$5000 was deposited from the last timbering. Tom reported that he retrieved \$12 (from two months) from the box on Foss.

4.SELECTMEN'S REPORT Dick F reported that things at Town Hall were quiet over the holidays.

A.This year there will be a total revaluation of Eaton properties. The assessor will conduct site visits at minimum 200 properties and combine that with a statistical analysis to bring the Town to a total revaluation required by the State.

B.Bridge on Potter Rd. - construction costs have increased although the builder feels he has built this possibility into his cost. It is important that Eaton stays on the DOT bridge list.

C. Selectmen are working on the Town budget.

D.Work will be done on the first stream crossing in Snowville, probably just cement lining at this point.

5.WETLANDS and LAKES A.Amanda Stone of UNH Cooperative Extension will present a workshop 1/27/21, 5 – 6 pm: "Planning for Protection - Using Your Natural Resource Inventory" via Zoom on the Green Mt. Conservation Group. Register online.

B. The Saco Headwaters Alliance will make a presentation to the Planning Board 2/10/21 and Marnie has requested the ECC be included.

6.BLUEBERRY MANAGEMENT Olivia Saunders has askedthe ECC to be part of a collaborative study between U Maine and UNH Cooperative Extension on organic blueberry growing.

7.LAND MANAGEMENT PLANNING Discussion continued re: ECC stewardship of Foss Mt. and other Town lands. Information was shared from Natural Heritage Bureau, Geospatial Data Survey, National and NH Wetlands Inventory/Mapper, NH Fish & Game Wildlife Action Plan, USDA Soil Web Survey and Eaton's Forest Management plan and others.

Some areas to be followed up: possible intern/steward on Foss: possible website for Foss.

ECC will send a questionnaire to townspeople re: use of Town lands. Contact Marnie with possible questions.

Next meeting will be February 8, 2021 at 6:00 via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler.