

Eaton Conservation Commission
March 15, 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.

Selectman's representative 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 2021-04, 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, selectmen's representative 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. 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: Marnie Cobbs (no one in the room), Dick Brisbois (by phone), Dick Fortin (Holly Fortin in the room), Tom Head (no one in the room), Judy Fowler (no one in the room), Helon Hoffer (no one in the room), Heather McKendry (no one in the room), Holly Fortin (Dick Fortin in the room), Dan Stepanauskas as guest.

2. ADMINISTRATION *Minutes of the 2/8/21 meeting were unanimously accepted by roll call.*

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Eaton Conservation Fund	\$ 9,501.99
Forest Management Fund	70,990.84
Land Acquisition Fund	<u>11,829.64</u>
	\$ 92,322.47

Tom reported that there was no money in the donation box.

Treasurer's report was unanimously accepted by roll call..

4. FOREST MANAGEMENT Dan Stepanauskas was present to discuss his last bill which he lowered to \$675.

5. SELECTMEN'S REPORT Dick F. reported that the selectmen have accepted the low bid for work on the first bridge on Potter Rd. The Eaton end of the road will be closed from June – October.

There was a good turn out for Election Day.

A photographer has been advertising that she would take group photographs on Foss Mt. beginning in April. A "Town Land Use Permit" is required for commercial use of Foss so the selectmen informed her that each photo shoot on Foss would cost \$75 and that the road might not be open in April. She chose to cancel her request.

The selectmen are looking for volunteers to work on updating the Town's Hazardous Mitigation Plan.

6.WETLAND and LAKE ISSUES A.Invasive species - Marnie has sent a proposal to Cliff Cabral of New England Milfoil re: exploring some of our waterbodies for invasive species. He charges \$85 per hour for two men and a boat. She will also talk with him about doing some education with the ECC on invasive species. She contacted the Madison Conservation Commission re: working with them on Purity Lake. The ECC may restart regular checks for invasive species and Marnie will speak to Kristy Foster about this. The selectmen have spoken with beach guard Elaine Weathers who is very willing to hand out information to boaters about invasive species.

B. Selectmen want a letter from landowner Herrera giving the Town permission to have a volunteer stationed at the South end of Conway Lake and to contact Fish and Game regarding the boat launch. There has been no decision regarding placing a camera there.

7.BLUEBERRY MANAGEMENT A lease for the coming season has been sent to Ryan Bushnell.

8.LAND MANAGEMENT There was discussion re: Foss kiosks and the Google account set up by Heather These will be discussed further at the next meeting.

9.SCHOLARSHIPS *It was unanimously approved by roll call to spend up to \$1000 for scholarships for Eaton children to attend Tin Mountain summer camps.*

Dick B. will check with the manager of the Henney Fund re: what was done with the \$759.36 that was allotted last year and not used due to Covid. The Henney Fund has \$993.06 for the scholarships in 2021.

10.OTHER BUSINESS Amanda Stone of UNH Cooperative Extension will present a workshop on Natural Resource Inventories on 3/31/21, 5 – 6:00 pm at www.gmcg.org.

The next Sense of Place Community Forum will be 4/7/21 at 6:30pm by Zoom.

Next meeting will be April 12, 2021 at 6:00pm via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler