

Eaton Conservation Commission  
February 8, 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 2021-01, 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 (Dennis Sullivan in the room part of the time), 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), Helon Hoffer (no one in the room), Dick Brisbois (by Marnie's telephone), Brian Hebert as guest (no one in the room) was present for part of the meeting.

2.AMINISTRATION *Minutes of the 1/11/21 meeting were unanimously accepted by roll call.*

### 3.TREASURER'S REPORT

	<u>January, 2021</u>	<u>February, 2021</u>
Eaton Conservation Fund	\$ 9,501.85	\$ 9,501.92
Forest Management Fund	61,136.70	66,672.62
Land Acquisition Fund	<u>11,829.64</u>	<u>11,829.64</u>
	\$82,468.19	\$88,004.18

Dick B. said he had deposited \$9,853.18 from timbering receipts.

A bill from Dan Stepanauskas for \$1,172. was discussed and it was decided that further discussion with Dan is needed.

*Treasurer's report was unanimously accepted.*

4.NATURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY Dennis Sullivan presented his work on a Natural Resource Inventory for Eaton. He has finished the initial phase and is working on a website with maps. He would appreciate people sending him information on streams and also wildlife and plants.

5.FOREST MANAGEMENT No new issues.

6.SELECTMEN'S REPORT Dick F. reported that they are continuing to work on the Town budget and will meet 2/9/21 re: mechanics of voting and Town Meeting.

7.WETLAND and LAKE ISSUES A.Marnie is now on a committee of the Conway Lake Conservation Association dealing with the south (Eaton) end of Conway Lake.

B.There was discussion re: having monitors at the south end of Conway Lake, possibly having someone check both Eaton lakes for invasive species, and whether the Crystal Lake beach guard could monitor boats being launched there. More information is needed.

C.ECC members can access the Saco Headwaters Alliance presentation to the Eaton Planning Board on 2/10/21 at 6:15 pm. A link will be sent for this Zoom meeting.

8.BLUEBERRY MANAGEMENT Discussion is needed with Ryan Bushnell about this year's upcoming blueberry operation.

Brian Hebert was present, expressing an interest in knowing more about the blueberry operation on Foss Mt.

Marnie plans to talk again with Maine organic blueberry grower Nicolas Lindholm.

9.LAND MANAGEMENT A.There was discussion about a possible Foss Mt. and/or ECC Website with which Heather has been experimenting. She encouraged ECC members to access it and provide her with feedback. To be discussed further.

B.Discussion continued on updating the signage on Foss.

10.OTHER BUSINESS The "Sense of Place " series was discussed.

Next meeting: March 11, 2021 at 6:00 pm via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler