

Eaton Conservation Commission  
April 12, 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.

Marnie Cobbs, chairman of ECC read 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 2021-05, 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, Marnie Cobbs 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 603 447-3877. In the event that the public is unable to access the meeting, the meeting will be adjourned and rescheduled.

Marnie 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), Heather McKendry (no one in the room), Holly Fortin (Dick Fortin in the room.)

2. ADMINISTRATION *Minutes of the 3/8/21 meeting were unanimously accepted*

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Eaton Conservation Fund	\$ 9,502.07
Forest Management Fund	72,578.18
Land Acquisition Fund	<u>11,829.64</u>
	\$93,909.89

Dick B. said that Michael Renn, manager of the Henney Fund, reported that that \$2900 was carried from last year. There is \$993.06 in the Conservation Fund for camp scholarships.

*Treasurer's report was unanimously accepted.*

4. SELECTMEN'S REPORT Per Dick F., Stubby Heath has ditched and added new stone at the boat ramp at Crystal Lake. The catch basin worked and held water.

The repair on the first bridge on Potter Rd. was awarded by the state. It will be closed to both vehicles and pedestrians from June to October.

Town meeting will be April 20, 6:00pm at the base lodge at King Pine. Masks and social distancing will be required.

Building permits are picking up.

The state Shoreland Water Quality Act appears to allow secondary structures in the 0-50' buffer but they must be at least 20 feet from the shoreline. However Town zoning requires set back of 125' from Crystal and Purity Lakes, Long, Hatch and Thurston Ponds which supersedes the state regulation.

Septic systems require a 125' setback from wetlands. And although wetlands scientists can easily identify wetlands, confusion can arise when laypersons think they are looking at wetlands and they may not be, by definition "wetlands".

They are working on refreshing the Deputy Fire Warden list.

5.PLANNING BOARD Heather reported that they are rewriting portions of the Master Plan including the Quality of Life and Transient Housing sections.

6.LAND MANAGEMENT There was discussion of reworking the signs at the Foss Mt. Trail. ECC members will meet at the parking lot at the trail at 8:00 Sunday, 4/18/21 to look it all over.

7.WETLAND andLAKE ISSUES New signs have been placed at the Eaton end of Conway lake. Kristy Foster will be the the Town aquatics/invasive species person.

8.BLUEBERRY MANAGEMENT Ryan Bushnell has accepted the new lease for the blueberry fields. John Neely of the US Forest Service plans to burn in the blueberry fields this month.

9.FOREST MANAGEMENT A walk through will be done on the Baldwins' property subsequent to the logging operation that was accessed through that property.

10.OTHER BUSINESS A.Marnie reminded everyone of the upcoming Sense of Place seminars.

B.Dick B. and Frank Holmes will continue to check for invasive species on Crystal Lake.

C.There is a need for stewards at Foss and at our lakes.

Next meeting: May 10, 2021

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler