

Eaton Conservation Commission  
November 9, 2020

1.Meeting called to order at 6:05pm. Present were Marnie Cobbs, Tom Head, Dick Brisbois, Dick Fortin, Heather McKendry, Holly Fortin, Helon Hofer and Judy Fowler.

2.ADMINISTRATION *\*Minutes of the 10/12.20 meeting were unanimously accepted with the following amendments: In item # 7 last sentence to read "Marnie corresponded with Nicolas Lindholm . . ." In item # 8 A, sentence 3 to read "ECC concerns were, holding to the regulation of the ordinance . . ." In item 8 E add "Dick F."*

3.TREASURER'S REPORT

Eaton Conservation Fund	\$51,064.50
Forest Management Fund	10,114.55
Land Acquisition Fund	<u>8,039.64</u>
	\$69,218.69

Tom reported that the Foss donation yielded \$72.05 this month.

*\*It was unanimously voted to pay the NH Association of Conservation Commissions dues of \$225.*

*\*Treasurer's report was unanimously accepted.*

4.FOREST MANAGEMENT Dick F. went to the closure of timbering on Unit # 3 today. By 11/12 or 13/20 all equipment will be removed and skid trails smoothed.

5.SELECTMEN'S REPORT Dick F. reported that they are staying with one person at a time in Town Hall and there is now a doorbell for admission. There will be an auction 11/14/20 of certain land parcels owned by the Town.

6.BLUEBERRY MANAGEMENT A.Horizon Forestry brush cut 16 acres, north of the old trail and Brooks Pasture at \$175 per acre, totaling \$2800.

B. Dick F., and Billy Angell spread some of the crushed stone to fill in ruts in the old access road in the south field of Foss Mt. There is more stone to be spread.

C. Twenty two volunteers participated in brush cutting and hole filling on Foss 10/24/20. Holly and Heather will send thank you notes.

D. Dick F. made phone calls to potential blueberry growers.

7.LAND MANAGEMENT A.Dennis Sullivan is in the process of creating a Natural Resource Inventory using mapping tools for land management.

B.There will be an ECC work session Friday, 12/4/20 at 1:00pm at Town Hall re: the future of Foss Mt.

8.OTHER BUSINESS A. Dick F. spoke with Jed Talbot who created the new Foss Mt. Trail, re: suggestions as to how to manage the increased use of the trail and people tramping through the blueberry fields. He suggested: 1.having someone up there interacting with those using the trail, 2.signage about staying on the trail and making trails as inviting as possible.

B. Boat ramp at Crystal lake - Stubby Heath will put in posts to outline where boats can go and reshape the parking area by the boat ramp.

C. It has been reported that there may be phragmites, an invasive plant, in the meadow wetlands off Rt 153. Dick F. will contact Dr. Rick Van de Poll, wetland scientist and Matt Tarr of UNH Cooperative Extension to look into this.

D. The selectmen are working on purging Town files of extraneous material and encourage the ECC to do the same.

Next meeting: 12/14/20 at 6:00pm at Town hall.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler.