

Eaton Conservation Commission

October 11, 2021

1. Meeting called to order at 6:04. Present were Tom Head, Dick Fortin, Dick Brisbois, Holly Fortin, Marnie Cobbs, Heather McKendry.

2. ADMINISTRATION *Minutes of the 9/13/21 meeting were unanimously approved with corrections to the corrections "re: Potter Rd. bridge work: Contractor had to re-submit to DES a de-watering plan due to high water." and typing corrections to the 9/13/21 minutes #9 capital T to small t and #10 He became The.*

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Eaton Conservation Fund	\$ 9338.73
Forest Management Fund	\$69106.80
Land Acquisition Fund	\$15,579.93
Foss Mtn. Fund	<u>\$ 645.00</u>
	\$94,670.46

Donation Box Income \$61.00

Website Donation Income \$1500.00

The Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved.

Motion was made to pay the "Horizon Forestry" invoice for Foss Mtn. brushcutting in the amount of \$7656.25. *Passed unanimously.*

Motion was made to pay annual dues of \$250.00 to the "NH Association of Conservation Commissions". *Passed unanimously.*

4. SELECTMEN'S REPORT Dick gave an update on the Potter Road bridge, and the status of the Town land use policy.

5. PLANNING BOARD Planning Board had not met since the last ECC meeting.

6. FOSS KIOSK Lower Kiosk message will be changed after the Land Use Policy is updated. The historical Kiosk is being revised by Holly and Judy. Marnie will help with the finishing touches. The upper Kiosk has been vandalized and will be taken down ASAP for repairs. The "Leave No Trace" sign has been vandalized as well, Tom feels it can be repaired on site and placed higher in the tree. Marnie will contact Helon Hoffer to see if he can clean the water bars on the Foss Mtn. trail. Marnie will get more "No Bear Dogs" signs for the area around Foss. She did contact NH Fish and Game last weekend to check in with some hunters using bear dogs. The Game Warden did make contact with the hunters.

7. WETLANDS / LAKE ISSUES Cliff Cabral will be diving in Crystal lake but will not try to schedule it with ECC members.

8. BLUEBERRY MANAGEMENT Horizon Forestry completed the work in three days. There were many favorable comments regarding the quality of the work that was done. This year's cut included South of the old trail, the Ridge, the prescribed burn area, and Manson Hill. Heather collected many "No Picking" signs off Foss Mt. and

dropped them off at Dick B.'s house for repair.

9. TAKING ACTION for WILDLIFE Marnie gave a summary of the work the Cohort group has done to date. She explained the direction the group would take going forward developing a "Conservation Plan" for town lands. The group is considering a strategy for getting other landowners with larger parcels involved.

10. OTHER BUSINESS ECC received notification from DOT regarding a culvert replacement on Route 153 in Eaton Center. Wood Additions on Linscott Brook have been completed by Tin Mountain Conservation Center. Ken MacGray contacted Marnie for permission to include the Foss Mtn. Trail in the newest version of the AMC White Mountain Trail Guide. He will not include it after Marnie explained the ECC's concern regarding the increase in use.

Motion to adjourn at 7:04 pm.

Next meeting: November 8, 2021 at 6:00 pm at the Eaton Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted by Dick Fortin