

Eaton Conservation Commission
January 13, 2020

1.Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM. Present were Marnie Cobbs, Tom Head, Dick Brisbois, Holly Fortin and Dick Fortin.

2.ADMINISTRATION Minutes of the 12/09/19 meeting were unanimously accepted.

3.TREASURER'S REPORT

Eaton Conservation Fund	\$11,186.83
Forest Management Fund	56,859.84
Land Acquisition Fund	<u>8,529.64</u>
	\$76,576.31

The sum of \$2,214.00 was paid prior to this tally from the Forest Management Fund to Dan Stepanauskas for TSI work previously approved. UNH submitted a bill for \$192 for water testing, already approved April 2019.

Treasurer's report was unanimously accepted.

It was voted unanimously to pay the NH Association of Conservation Commissions annual dues of \$225.00

4.FOREST MANAGEMENT A. Dick Fortin and Tom Head did some ditching on the Willis Bean Rd. The winter weather prevented Stuart Heath from seeing the road. Dick and Tom believe they might be able to do the work with some neighbors' help, and help control run off onto the bridges. Culvert seems to be missing from east side of the eastern most bridge.

B.Dick F. gave the cut and routed "Welcome to NH" signs for the NH/Maine border on Willis Bean Rd. to Dick B for painting. Dick F. also made a second Foss Mt Trail sign which Dick B will also paint.

C. Boundary Paint is being looked for in order to paint the SW border of the Foss property near the edge of the blueberry fields. Doug Burnell has offered to clarify this confusing juncture.

5.WETLAND/LAKE – The 2019 Water Quality monitoring results for Crystal Lake, Long Pond and Thurston Pond from June through September were received.

6.SELECTMEN'S REPORT – They are focused on a budget for upcoming expenses; are working on street lights; and seeking a new select-person. The ECC annual report is due before the end of this month.

7.BLUEBERRY MANAGEMENT A.Dick F. and Marnie will meet Bob Bale from Tall Timbers to walk Foss and talk over burn strategies.

B. That same week end Horizon Forestry cut all the lower Foss Mt. fields, north of the old trail and the McKenzie piece.

C. The new trail suffered some washout from the winter rain storms but the ECC will have to wait till Spring to work on it.

8.OTHER A. A letter to solicit volunteers to run kids outings on Town lands to be sent to parents of Eaton kids was discussed. Holly and Marnie will look into ideas, and ask Dexter Harding for advice.

B.Tom Head is taking over the key to the donation box from Dick Brisbois.

C. Holly and Marnie will sort old records from Paul Savchick over the course of the winter.
Nancy Watson has offered to help.

D.A Warrant Article Petition Carbon Cash-Back Program was discussed.

Next meeting: February 10, 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Holly Fortin.

Eaton Conservation Commission
February 10, 2020

1.Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm. Present were Marnie Cobbs, Tom Head, Dick Brisbois, Dick Fortin, Graham Knirk, Holly Fortin and Helon Hoffer as guest.

2.ADMINISTRATION *Minutes of the 1/13/20 meeting were unanimously accepted.*

3.TREASURER'S REPORT

Eaton Conservation Fund	\$11,186.93
Forest Management Fund	54,646.33
Land Acquisition Fund	<u>8,529.64</u>
	\$74,362.90

A bill was received from Horizon Forestry for clearing 23 acres in the front blueberry fields and around the old trail on Foss Mt. @ \$190 per acre = \$4,370. *Payment of \$4,370 to Horizon Forestry was unanimously approved.*

Treasurer's report was unanimously accepted.

4.FOREST MANAGEMENT There was discussion re: access to forest management unit # 3 next to the Brownfield, ME border.

5.SELECTMEN'S REPORT Dick F. reported that the Town tax rate may go up. The first bridge on Potter Rd. will be replaced in 2021 and Eversource will be doing some timbering there in preparation. The corner where Rt. 153, Glines Hill Rd. and Ridge Rd. converge continues to present problems (another accident occurred 2/08/20) and the selectmen have met with the Sheriff's Dept. about this. They will also will meet with Jeb Bradley and DOT. The upper floor of Town Hall will be replaced.

Dick F. also attended the "Sense of Place" meeting and it was noted that all of the natural areas in the Mount Washington valley are experiencing more and more use. Staff from the Forest Service have been concentrating their maintenance on the areas they have identified as high use areas.

6.WETLAND/LAKES No issues at this time.

7.BLUEBERRY MANAGEMENT A.There was discussion re: hole-filling in Brooks Pasture.

B.Ryan Bushnell will be contacted re: his contract to pick during the coming season..

C.Dick F. and Marnie walked Foss Mt. with Bob Bale of Tall Timbers re: burning in the blueberry fields and expect to be in continuing discussion with him.

8.OTHER BUSINESS A.Marnie welcomed Helon Hoffer to our meeting.

B.Green Mt. Conservation Group will hold a workshop 2/13/20 at the Madison library where people can bring water samples for testing.

C.Marnie and Holly have begun sorting Paul Savchick's ECC information and Judy will join them.

D. Green Mountain. Conservation Group seeks a new Eaton representative.

E.Warrant article re: Carbon Cash Back program will be presented at Town meeting.

F.A letter will be drafted to parents of young children in Town to assess interest in possible ECC activities for them.

Next meeting: March 9, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler

Eaton Conservation Commission
March 9, 2020

1.Meeting called to order at 7:00pm. Present were Marnie Cobbs, Dick Fortin, Dick Brisbois, Holly Fortin and Judy Fowler.

2.ADMINISTRATION *The minutes of the 2/10/20 meeting were unanimously approved.*

3.TREASURER'S REPORT

Eaton Conservation Fund	\$ 10,770.01
Forest Management Fund	54,628.77
Land Acquisition Fund	<u>8,529.64</u>
	\$ 73,928.42

Treasurer's report was unanimously accepted.

4.FOREST MANAGEMENT Further discussion of access to Management Unit # 3.

5.SELECTMEN'S REPORT Dick F. shared a shoreland permit application received by the selectmen. There was discussion on it but the ECC has no role in it.

6.WETLAND/LAKE ISSUES Nothing new to report.

7.BLUEBERRY MANAGEMENT Some ECC members will be attending the Cooperative Extension Low Bush Blueberry meeting in Sanbornville on 3/17/20.

8.OTHER Sorting of the boxes left by Paul Savchick will continue.

Next meeting: April 13, 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler.

Eaton Conservation Commission
June 8, 2020

1.Meeting called to order in the parking lot of Town Hall (due to coronavirus restrictions) at 6:00pm. Present were Marnie Cobbs, Tom Head, Dick Brisbois, Holly Fortin, Judy Fowler, Helon Hoffer and Dick Fortin.

2. ADMINISTRATION The minutes of the 3/9/20 meeting were unanimously accepted. There were no meetings in April and May due to the coronavirus restrictions.

3.TREASURER'S REPORT

Eaton Conservation Fund	\$ 6,400.18
Forest Management Fund	54,630.17
Land Acquisition Fund	<u>8,529.64</u>
	\$69,559.99

Tom reported that the lock box on Foss had \$65.25 on his last collection. With the \$2.33 already in hand we have a total of \$67.58 thus far.

Treasurer's report was unanimously accepted.

4.FOREST MANAGEMENT Marnie and Dan Stepanauskas will meet 6/18/20 to discuss how to approach Timber Unit # 3.

5.SELECTMEN'S REPORT Dick F. reported: Lianne is now back at Town her regular hours but Town Hall remains closed due to the coronavirus. The selectmen are meeting the first and third Tuesdays, 2 – 4pm by Zoom. The NHDOT has agreed to place four stop signs at the conjunction of Rt. 153, Glines Hill and Ridge Rd. along with a temporary curve change in front of the Timberlake house. They will monitor through June and July and then reevaluate. Re: new beach rules and structures – so far, so good. The July 4th picnic at the beach is cancelled due to the coronavirus.

6.WETLAND and LAKE ISSUES Mark Carbone will monitor Crystal Lake and also do chloroform testing at the beach.

7.BLUEBERRY MANAGEMENT Ryan Bushnell has requested that the amount he pays the Town be reduced from 75 cents to 60 cents per pint. *It was unanimously approved that he pay the Town 65 cents per pint.*

The Low Bush blueberry meeting scheduled for 3/17/20 was cancelled due to coronavirus.

8.FOSS MOUNTAIN A.*It was unanimously approved to pay \$111.35 for delivery of ¾ inch gravel along with a compactor@ \$50 per day to resurface the Foss Mt trail.* Dick F. and Helon will do the resurfacing and ditching for water run-off with plans to start at 6:00am 6/13/20. There will be signs posted that the trail will be closed for this work.

B.Bicycles on Foss Mt. There was extensive discussion on this issue as bicycle use seems to be increasing along with the general increase in use of Foss. *A motion was made that the ECC recommend that the selectmen prohibit the use of wheeled vehicles for recreational purposes on the Foss Mt. Trail, in the blueberry fields and along the Foss Mt. Ridge. Agreed were: Dick Brisbois, Marnie Cobbs, Dick Fortin, Holly Fortin, Judy Fowler and Tom Head. Helon Hoffer, as an alternate, expressed opposition.* Clear signage will be needed. Dick Fortin will research this topic and Helon will provide some examples.

There will be further discussion re: signage.

9.OTHER BUSINESS A. Jess Davis of the Brownfield Historical Society and the Watsons have agreed to repair stones and clear vegetation in the Fernald Cemetery (on the Watsons' land on the Willis Bean Rd.) They are also interested in the Brooks Cemetery near the Foss Mt.trail, in which John Brooks' stone is broken.

B. The Watsons have agreed to trim the grass in front of the A-frame house behind the blueberry fields and open the gate to that road.

C.It was unanimously approved to move the ECC meetings from 7:00pm to 6:00pm.

D.Marnie said the NH Association of Conservation Commissions would like email addresses of people on the ECC who may not be receiving their emails.

E Dick F. and fire warden Larry Nash extinguished a camp fire on Foss Mt. We need stronger signage prohibiting fires.

F Marnie will meet with representatives from Upper Saco Valley Land Trust to discuss the land on Foss Mt. that they steward.

G.It was unanimously approved to pay Billy Angell for gas for his tractor work on Foss.

H.Thorne Surveys – Marnie asked Rick Girardin for their records of boundary painting on Town lands but it was unclear when they might have them as the business is now Horizons Engineering and is moving to Conway.

I.Sorting of Paul Savchick's ECC related materials is ongoing.

Next meeting: July 13, 2020 at **600pm.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler

Eaton Conservation Commission
July 13, 2020

1.Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm outside the Town Garage (due to coronavirus restrictions.) Present were Marnie Cobbs, Dick Fortin, Tom Head, Dick Brisbois, Holly Fortin, Judy Fowler, Helon Hoffer as alternate, and Heather McKendry.

2.ADMINISTRATION *The minutes of the 6/8/20 meeting were unanimously accepted with the following amendments:* In item # 8, B at the end re: those voting it should read “Helon Hoffer as an alternate expressed opposition.” In item #9, E the first sentence should read: “Dick F. and fire warden Larry Nash extinguished a camp fire on Foss Mt.”

3.TREASURERS’S REPORT

Eaton Conservation Fund	\$ 6,400.23
Forest Management Fund	54,630.59
Land Acquisition Fund	<u>8,529.64</u>
	\$69,560.46

To reported \$83.23 in the lock box on Foss.

Treasurer’s report was unanimously accepted.

4.FOREST MANAGEMENT Re: Timber Unit #3 which requires access through private land, Marnie reported an initial positive response from landowner Shirley Baldwin. Dan Stepanauskas will paint part of the boundary of the Baldwin piece to clarify exactly where he can timber if agreed by Mrs. Baldwin.

5.SELECTMEN’S REPORT Dick F. reported: There have been a number of requests re: house remodeling and additions as well as a couple of new houses. Town Hall may reopen at the end of July if the governor directs it so. Re: the July 4th raft protest in Crystal Lake, it was learned that a swimming raft must be with a piece of shorefront property, have reflective materials, display a name and address and cannot obstruct navigational lanes. Re: stop 4-way stop signs at Rt. 153, Glines Hill Rd. and Ridge Rd., reports are positive so far and there will be public hearing in August. The selectmen checked into a new house on Conway Lake, finding the setbacks were legal. Dick raised the point that the new house on Conway Lake was not subject to the recently adopted Steep Slope Ordinance because NH Statute exempts approved subdivisions from subsequent Zoning Amendments for 5 years.

6.BLUEBERRY MANAGEMENT A.“No picking” signs are posted in Brooks Pasture. There was discussion of other signage needed. Helon will send photos of the Cotton Valley Rail Trail signs.

B.Trail maintenance - On 6/13/20 Dick F., Helon and Graham Knirk resurfaced and ditched and added water bars to the wooded part of the Foss Mt. Trail. *It was unanimously voted to reimburse Dick Fortin \$50 that he paid out for the rented compactor used in this work.*

C.Ryan Bushnell accepted the ECC offer of his paying the Town 65 cents per pint.

7.OTHER BUSINESS A.New members: *It was unanimously approved to appoint Heather McKendry a full member and Helon Hoffer an alternate.*

B. Thurston cellar Hole - Judy will contact Billy Angell to ask if he will mow there with his tractor.

C. Marnie continues work on organizing Paul Savchick’s records.

D.Dick B. is exploring changing banks for a better interest rate.

E. New load of wood chips to fill holes in Brooks Pasture – Judy will ask Billy Angell if he will continue this work.

F. Tom put up the state line signs on the Willis Bean Rd.

G. Dredge and Fill - *Wood additions to tributaries to Hatch Pond and Pickerel Pond done by Dick Fortin privately were unanimously approved.*

Next meeting : August 10, 2020 at **6:00pm.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler

Eaton Conservation Commission
August 10, 2020

1.Meeting called to order at 6:00pm in the parking lot of Town Hall (due to coronavirus restrictions.) Present were Marnie Cobbs, Tom Head, Dick Brisbois, Heather McKendry, Dick Fortin, Holly Fortin and Judy Fowler.

2.ADMINISTRATION *The minutes of the 7/13/20 meeting were unanimously approved with the following amendment. In item # 5 "selectmen's Report" the last sentence should read: "The new house on Conway Lake was not subject to the recently adopted Steep Slope Ordinance because NH Statute exempts approved subdivisions from subsequent Zoning Amendments for 5 years".*

3.TREASURER'S REPORT

Dick B. was unable to access the financial information due to coronavirus issues. He will report on July and August next month. Tom brought \$156.40 from the donation box at the trail up Foss.

4.FOREST MANAGEMENT A contract will go to the selectmen for Rob Drew of Lovell, ME to cut in Unit # 3. There will also be a contract signed with a Brownfield private landowner re: access over her property to reach Unit # 3.

It was unanimously voted for to allot \$1800 for Dan Stepanauskas to do some timber stand improvement on the South Eaton (formerly Bloise) lot @ \$180 per acre.

5.SELECTMEN'S REPORT The selectmen have been working on the budget for next year. They have been in discussion with Stubby Heath and the upgrades for Stuart Rd., Bull Pasture Rd. and some other paved roads will now be a longer term project, possibly up to 10 years out. ECC members looked at the widened area behind Town Hall over to above the Town garage which will make it more efficient to dump and store more sand.

6.WETLAND/LAKE ISSUES None at this time.

7.BLUEBERRY MANAGEMENT Ryan Bushnell has people winnowing a good crop of blueberries in Brooks Pasture.

8.OTHER BUSINESS A. Jess Davis, her son and the Watsons worked on the Fernald cemetery (between the two Willis Bean bridges) on a volunteer basis.

B.Cindy Hall, National Coordinator of Integrated Pest Management for the US Fish and Wildlife Service whose parents live in Eaton is interested in surveying some of the Town lands for plant species.

C.William Abbott of Upper Saco River Valley Land Trust discussed with Marnie an easement USVLT has with the Hill property. They were apprized of ECC concerns about increased use of Foss Mt. and discussion will continue about any new paths they want to create.

D.The increased use of Foss was further discussed especially due to very heavy use this year as has been the case all over the valley

E.The Selectmen have decided to order that there be no wheeled vehicles on any Town lands.

Next meeting: September 14, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler

Eaton Conservation Commission
September 14, 2020

1. Meeting called to order at 6:00PM. Present were Marnie Cobbs, Tom Head, Dick Brisbois, Dick Fortin, Heather McKendry, Holly Fortin, Judy Fowler and Helon Hofer as alternate.

2. ADMINISTRATION *Minutes of the 9/14/20 meeting were unanimously accepted.*

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

	August	September
Eaton Conservation Fund	\$ 6,551.12	\$ 6,646.22
Forest Management Fund	54,631.11	54,581.53
Land Acquisition Fund	8,529.64	<u>8,529.64</u>
Donation Box	<u>156.40</u>	\$ 69,757.39
	\$ 69,868.28	

Tom brought in \$89 from the Foss donation box, making a total of \$588.21 since 8/8/19.
Treasurer's report was unanimously accepted.

4. FOREST MANAGEMENT Marnie and Dick F. walked Timber Unit # 3 with Town forester Dan Stepanauskas. The pulp market shut down the next day so getting cut timer to the mill will take longer than anticipated. There was no paint on part of the boundary with the McBrien land. They discussed this with the landowners and flagged the boundary for the loggers.

5. SELECTMEN'S REPORT Dick F. reported that the upstairs floor in Town Hall will be replaced this coming week so there will be no one up there. People can still call the Town Hall number if needing anything. There have been lots of permit requests for buildings and additions.

6. WETLAND and LAKE ISSUES A. There was discussion re: invasive plants in lakes and how the Conway Lake Conservation Association has been dealing with that. Our sign at the south end of Conway Lake has some wear. Marnie will call the NH Lakes Association on how to deal with this.

B. The barriers to guide people to the boat ramp at Crystal Lake were effective and helped mitigate water from the parking lot to the boat ramp area. The concrete barriers will be replaced with wooden posts.

A motion to pursue a grant for reconfiguration of the Crystal Lake boat ramp was unanimously accepted.

C. Mark Carbone found that testing for coliform bacteria and E.coli in Crystal lake yielded a score of 3 – very good.

7. BLUEBERRY MANAGEMENT A. Ryan Bushnell picked Brooks Pasture and the upper part of the lower field which all yielded 5,255 pints of berries. At \$.65 per pint the Town received \$3,415.75. This is the lowest return since 2010 is due to the severe lack of rain this summer. Ryan reported also that it is difficult to find pickers.

B. The blueberry fields have saplings to be removed and Horizon Forestry will be asked to cut in Brooks pasture and north of the old trail this year. There will be a volunteer cutting day Saturday, 10/24/20 (rain date 10/25) meeting in the Foss Mt. Parking lot at 9:00 am to cut south of the old trail up the ridge on the south end. Marnie will check the road improvement in the south field.

8.OTHER BUSINESS The diversion bars by the bridges on the Willis bean Rd. need work. Marnie will consult with Stubby Heath about the path through the south field by the old trail.

Next meeting: October 12, 202 at 6:00pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler

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Eaton Conservation Commission
October 12, 2020

1.meeting called to order at 7:00pm. Present were Marnie Cobbs, Tom Head, Dick Brisbois, Dick Fortin, Heather McKendry, Holly Fortin, Judy Fowler and Helon Hoffer. Dennis Sullivan and Cindy Hall attended as guests.

2.ADMINISTRATION *Minutes of the 9/14/20 meeting were unanimously accepted with the following correction: The last sentence should read: "Marnie will consult with Stubby Heath about the path through the south field by the old trail."*

3.TREASURER'S REPORT

Eaton Conservation Fund	\$ 6,735.28
Forest Management Fund	54,582.05
Land Acquisition Fund	<u>11,829.64</u>
	\$73,146.97

Dick B. noted that Michael Renn, manager of the Henny Fund (part of which comes to the ECC) reported that the fund has done well this year. The donation box on Foss Mt. Yielded \$77.87 this month and there was \$20 in the donation box at the Store.

The Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved.

4.FOREST MANAGEMENT The timbering on Unit #3 continues and will be finished soon.

5.SELECTMEN'S REPORT Dick F. reported that comments at the Public Hearing 9/30/20 were mainly very favorable. The plan is now for DOT to remove the striped curbing for the winter. And continue to see how things work over the winter.

6.WETLAND and LAKE ISSUES A.It was decided to table further discussion of signage re: invasive species at Crystal Lake.

B.Invasive species - Marnie contacted Tom O'Brien of the NH Lakes Association re: possibly restricting motor boat access at Crystal. He felt this would not work and will research motor craft restrictions. Cliff Cabral, who dives and removes invasive plants, may be asked to check out the lake in the warmer weather. Cindy Hall, and invasive species specialist with the US Fish and Wildlife Service noted that in Alaska invasive species have been introduced by ice fishing.

C. Helon will check out the Davis Conservation Fund re: funding to revamp the existing boat launch to address the drainage coming off the parking lot and going down the ramp into Crystal Lake. The next deadline is 4/1/21.

7.BLUEBERRY MANAGEMENT A.Horizon Forestry brush cut with north of the old trail, all of Brooks Pasture and above the new trail on 10/9 & 10/20. Marnie spoke with Stubby Heath about the path through the south field and he advised it not be disturbed but the ruts could be filled with stone. Re: sulphur to control little blue stem grass, Marnie spoke with Nicholas Lindholm who has found it successful in his blueberry fields.

8.OTHER A. Dennis Sullivan chair of the Planning Board, requested input from the ECC re: the Steep Slope Ordinance, adopted at the Town Meeting 3/10/20. The first case involves an application for a driveway on a steep area in Woodland Acres above Long Pond. ECC concerns were: 1.wetness of the

flat area at the bottom of the proposed driveway; 2.lack of a professional engineering plan; and
3.concerns about erosion issues with so much steepness.

Dennis offered to share the work he will be doing on a Natural Resource Inventory using basic GRANITView which includes a variety of overlays, a set of maps and a narrative about each category.

B.Management Plan for Foss Mt. - At the next meeting the ECC will discuss when to get together to exchange ideas about use of Town land. Holding a charette to get input from townspeople was also discussed.

C.Henney Fund – The ECC can decide how to use their portion of this fund. In the past it was decided to use it toward scholarships for Eaton children to attend Tin Mountain Conservation Center summer camps.

D.Concerns were expressed re: people going off the Foss Mt. Trail with some new paths being forged due to very high use there this year.

E. Marnie and Holly will attend the Low Bush Blueberry Meeting in Milton.

F.There will be a volunteer brush cutting day on Foss Mt. On 10/24/20 (rain date 10/25.) Participants will meet in the Foss Trail parking lot at 9:00am to cut south of the old trail and up the ridge there.

Next meeting: November 9, 2020 at 6:00pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler

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.

Eaton Conservation Commission
December 14, 2020

1. A duly-noticed virtual meeting of the ECC took place this date via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

A 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 # 24 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, 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, 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. If anyone has a problem accessing the scheduled Commission meeting, please call 603 447-2840. 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 (no one in the room), Tom Head (no one in the room), Judy Fowler (no one in the room), Heather McKendry (no one in the room), Dick Brisbois (no one in the room), Holly Fortin (Dick Fortin in the room), Helon Hoffer (no one in the room.)

2.ADMINISTRATION

**The minutes of the 11/9/20 meeting were approved with the addition of a comma in item # 6 A after "16 acres".*

3.TREASURES'S REPORT

Eaton Conservation Fund	\$10,321.20
Forest Management Fund	58,270.42
Land Acquisition Fund	<u>11,829.64</u>
	\$80,421.26

Dick B. said around \$5000 had been deposited from timbering.

**Treasurer's report was unanimously approved.*

4.FOREST MANAGEMENT Nothing new to report.

5.SELECTMEN'S REPORT Nothing new to report.

6.WETLAND AND LAKE ISSUES A.The Ossipee Aquifer Advisory Committee will be having a workshop with Amanda Stone of UNH Cooperative Extension in January.

B.The Saco Headwaters Alliance sent letters to ECC members as they want to make a presentation to the ECC.

6.BLUEBERRY MANAGEMENT A.Dick F. was referred to the Mt. Washington Valley Eaters and Growers for people who might be interested in managing the blueberry fields. He, Marnie and Holly

walked the blueberry fields with Brian Hebert who had expressed some interest in working the fields. Dick F. and Marnie will talk with Ryan Bushnell further about management of the fields.

B. We are waiting for the invoice from Horizon Forestry for brush cutting.

7.LAND MANAGEMENT PLANNING ECC members continued the land management discussion re: Foss Mt and the ECC stewardship of it. It was stressed that all ECC members need to be familiar with the ECC bylaws and all are to explore various websites related to land management prior to our January meeting. Dick F. will talk to Lianne about the bylaws.

OTHER BUSINESS Kristy Foster is back on the board of the Green Mountain Conservation Group and will serve as a liaison from the ECC. The ECC would like to find someone willing to attend the Ossipee Aquifer Advisory Committee which meets a few times a year.

Next meeting will be 1/11/2021 at 6:00 by Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler.