

Eaton Conservation Commission
January 10, 2022

1.Meeting called to order at 6:10 Present were Marnie Cobbs, Holly Fortin, Dick Brisbois, Heather McKendry, and Dick Fortin. Paul Nuccio and Robin Willis were in attendance.

Chair discussed with Paul and Robin the possibility of them beginning the process of documenting fauna and flora on Town lands. Both expressed interest in helping with that in light of their recent training using “I naturalist”. Board reviewed areas of focus and suggested they spend time in the Shepard River area. Marnie explained how this would tie in with the Cohort effort.

2.ADMINISTRATION *Minutes of the December 13 meeting were approved as written.*

3.TREASURER’S REPORT \$2,261.63 Conservation Fund

Forest Management Fund	\$69,108.73
LandAcquisition Fund	15,580.45
<u>Foss Mt. Fund</u>	<u>2,145.06</u>
	\$89,095.87

Motion was unanimously approved to reimburse Heather McKendry \$12 for annual renewal of Google domain for fossmountain.org web

Motion was unanimously approved to pay Cliff Cabral \$255 for invasive plant survey on Crystal lake Oct. 22, 2021.

4.SELECTMEN’S REPORT Reviewed Building Permits, Wetlands violation submitted to DES, Budget season.

5.PLANNING BOARD REPORT Heather will report next month as the Planning Board meets on Wednesday.

6.FOSS MANAGEMENT Reviewed trail upgrade inquiry that Dick sent out to three professional trail crews. This included a map with the locations of the work and the linear feet involved. A description of the scope of the work to do, a timeline, and a collection of photos. This was not a formal RFP but merely to get an idea what a project of this size would cost for budget purposes.

White Mountain Collective – Helon Hoffer discussed the above project with a representative from WMC and established this was a good fit for their organization. He informed the Chair of the discussion but was not able to attend the meeting with more details. The ECC needs more information regarding what this group can do and will consider it in the mix of trail work providers.

Dick presented a revised Kiosk display for the upper Kiosk. A few more changes were suggested and he will make those adjustments for next meeting.

7.FOREST MANAGEMENT Dick reported he spoke to surveyor and by law a licensed forester can blaze and paint boundary lines. Joe Q public can paint but cannot blaze a new line between two points. It was suggested we check with Dan Stepanauskas, Town Forester, to see if he would want to address the line in question on the Creative Concept parcel.

8.COMMUNITY COHORT Marnie explained to the Commission what the group has been working on and reminded them of the Presentation dates.

9.OTHER BUSINESS A Dredge and Fill permit was submitted by the State for a culvert replacement on Route 153 just South of the Eaton Village Store. A wetlands violation (formal notification from DES) was discussed that took place on the Willis Bean Road.

Dick is still working on the distinction between the Forest Management and the Conservation Fund, he will try to wrap that up at next month's meeting.

It was suggested we return to an old habit at January's meeting of referring to a yearly calendar that outlined monthly projects as a way of ensuring we don't miss important procedures required of the ECC.

Next meeting: February 14, 2022 at 6 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Dick Fortin