Eaton Conservation Commission

December 12, 2022

1. Meeting was called to order at 6 pm. Members present were Marnie Cobbs, Holly Fortin, Dick Brisbois, Dick Fortin, Alternate Paul Nuccio. Also present were Robin Nuccio and Dagmar Von Schwerin

2. **ADMINISTRATION** – Minutes for the November 14 meeting were accepted as written.

3. **TREASURER'S REPORT** -

Conservation Fund -	$6146.50
Forest Management Fund -	$69,115.07
Land Acquisition Fund -	$15,581.87
Foss Mt. Fund -	$12,164.99
TOTAL	$103,008.44

Donation Box Income	0
Website Donation	0

Invoice from Northern Forest Resources (Town forester)
$810 see invoice #2022 forester rate of pay increased to $60 / hr.

Motion made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report and to pay $810 invoice from the Forest Management Fund.

4. **SELECTMAN'S REPORT** – Scrub Oak Scramblers expressed an interest in grooming the trails to to Foss Mountain. Selectmen are concerned about the amount of water currently on the trail and brook crossing. Further discussions will take place before they get the green light.

Road Classifications were discussed and how they became Class VI roads.

5. **PLANNING BOARD** – a future site inspection on a proposed house lot was discussed in terms of the Steep Slope and Ridge Line Ordinances.

6. **FOSS MOUNTAIN -** Board worked on an "Advertisement" for an additional blueberry grower/picker for this summer's growing season. The Ad will be posted with various agricultural groups and the newspaper.

Question was raised whether we should be adding sand in the holes in the blueberry fields before top dressing with bark. It was noted that this fall some of the holes that were filled a few years ago were sinking as a result of decomposing bark. Dick will contact UNH Ext. for advice.

Trail upgrade will be postponed until 2024. Bids will be collected during the summer of 2023.

7. **TOWN LA NDS MANAGEMENT -** Paul will continue to work on the Creative Concept piece until the snow gets too deep.
A wood duck box is available to be installed at the Giles Place. Marnie will see if John Border is interested in doing that. The question was raised if the ECC should take a more active role in Loon nesting on our Eaton lakes?

8. **FOREST MANAGEMENT -** Dan Stepanauskas, town forester, will complete the Forest Management Plan to include the MacKenzie piece and adjacent parcel.

9. **COMMUNITY COHORT -** The Forestry program was a success with Dan Stepanauskas and Peter Hagerty giving an overview of timber harvesting and carbon sequestration. The cohort group felt the next program should be in Feb. with wildlife as the topic. More thought will be giving to developing the format.

10. **OTHER BUSINESS -** A motion was made and seconded to make Judy Fowler an alternate and to have Robin Nuccio become a member and Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

Next meeting:
January 9, 2023 at 6 pm.
Meeting was adjourned at 7:42

Respectfully submitted by Richard Fortin