

## Eaton Conservation Commission

January 9, 2023

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

2. **ADMINISTRATION** – Minutes for the December 12 meeting were approved as amended.

### 3. **TREASURER’S REPORT** -

Conservation Fund -	\$6,146.56
Forest Management Fund -	\$68,356.64
Land Acquisition Fund -	\$15,582.00
Foss Mt. Fund -	\$9,708.82
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TOTAL	\$99,743.02

Donation Box Income – At trailhead \$6.00

Website donation \$50 (\$48.06) after fees.

Motion made to reimburse Heather McKendry \$12 for website cost. Voted unanimously. Dagmar will look into the best way to pay this fee going forward.

4. **SELECTMAN’S REPORT** - A Shoreland Permit application was reviewed for Crystal Lake and the George Diller property. The application was found complete.

5. **PLANNING BOARD REPORT** – Marnie report for Dennis Sullivan. PB is processing a subdivision and reviewing wording and definitions in the Town’s Zoning Ordinances.

6. **FOSS MT. MANAGEMENT** – Chair brought Commission up to date regarding interested blueberry growers. To date ECC has received two inquiries and conducted one interview with Sam Crocker. He is proposing an ecosystem approach to growing blueberries on Town fields. They would remain organic. The fields would be treated to increase a healthy soil biota. This system has proven itself in the western part of the country and he is confident that having a healthy, diverse soil substrate will increase yields. He discussed his marketing strategies, schedule and the desire to camp on the mountain during the growing season. The ECC had no objections to his approach and request for housing. Further discussion will take place before a final decision is made.

There was serious trail erosion as a result of the last snow/rain storm. The runoff made numerous cuts in the trail surface that will need to be addressed in the spring. The Commission discussed fast forwarding hiring a trail crew to this summer as a result of the damage that occurred.

7. **TOWN LAND MANAGEMENT** - Dennis Sullivan is working on reconciling deed descriptions with know Town land boundaries and is running into a few difficulties. He will continue his efforts.

Reference was made to the 2001 Management Plan and the issue of town land lines needing attention. Not a new issue for the Commission.

Jackson Town Forest lines have been completed. It was suggested that the ECC contact Kurt Wilson, who recently bought land in Eaton and works in computer technology, to see if he would be willing to work with Dennis Sullivan and become familiar with the NRI.

8. **COMMUNITY COHORT** – Dick will continue to reach out to Matt Tarr for a Feb. wildlife Conservation Conversation. If Matt is not available he will try to contact Rick van de Poll, local wetlands scientist, or Bob Cottrell from the Conway Library Historical Room.

9. **LAKES** – Commission briefly reviewed the GMCG water test report for the summer of 2022. It was noted the report indicated the outlet was trending to alkaline and that Conductivity readings had seen a slight increase.

10. **OTHER BUSINESS** - Marnie inquired and reminded the Commission of the year end report that would be coming due for the Town Report.

Commission made a quick outline of potential expenses for the coming year including but not limited to the following items. Trail work \$ ?, continuing to fill holes in the blueberry fields \$400, mowing blueberry fields \$3000, purchasing a new Conductivity meter \$200, Tin Mountain Camp scholarships \$1000. Heather, Robin, Dagmar and Paul will brainstorm some fundraising ideas and will report to the Commission.

Next meeting:

February 13, 2023 at 6 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Richard Fortin