

EATON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

October 9, 2023

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. Members present were Marnie Cobbs, Dick Fortin, Holly Fortin, Tom Head, Paul Nuccio, Robin Nuccio, and Heather McKendry. Also present were John Schmerfeld and Enna Carbone.

2. **ADMINISTRATION** – *Minutes of the September 9 meeting were accepted.*

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Conservation Fund	\$24,738.76
Foss Mountain Fund	\$17,182.81
Forest Maintenance Fund	\$48,623.46
Land Conservation Fund	\$15,700.55
TOTAL	\$106,871.88
Donation box at trailhead	\$26.30
Website Donation Income	\$0

An invoice was submitted by William Heath for repairs of Wilis Bean Rd. In the amount of \$640.00 and will be paid from the Forest Management Fund.

The Land Acquisition account's name has been changed to the Land Conservation Fund.

The ECC voted to inquire into taking money from our accounts and invest in an eleven-month CD program at our bank. The Conservation account will have \$10,000 invested. The Forest Maintenance Fund will have \$30,000 invested. The Land Conservation Fund will have \$10,000 invested. Robin will look into.

Treasurer's report was accepted.

4. **SELECTMEN'S REPORT** - A joint town meeting will be held at the Town Hall on Oct. 17 2023 at 6pm. During this meeting all of the town's boards are invited.

5. **PLANNING BOARD** - The Planning Board had a preliminary meeting with Tom Costello about a possible subdivision on Glines Hill and Young Road. The board completed its review of a draft amendment to the Wetlands Conservation Overlay Zone, which would add protections to a 100 ft buffer around wetlands, along with other minor changes. Discussion was held about the amendment, and further research was agreed necessary.

6. **FOSS MANAGEMENT** - Trail work was done by Paul Nuccio and Dick Fortin on Foss. They added another water bar, moved the kiosk to face another direction, and did some general clean-up of downed trees and branches.

Thank you cards have been mailed to most of our donors. The last few will be sent out shortly, concluding our summer fundraising for the trail rebuild.

7. TOWN LAND MANAGEMENT - Paul Nuccio will finish checking boundaries in the next couple months. He will then compile a list of which lines will need repainting and which remain in good condition, and which may need surveying.

8. FOREST MANAGEMENT - Bear dog signs have been taken down all along Willis Bean Rd. Only one or two remain. New signs will be remade and reposted along the road.

9. COMMUNITY COHORT - no issues

10. OTHER BUSINESS –

The NHACC meeting is Nov. 4, 2023. Attendance is encourage for any who can attend.

Dick Fortin and Dagmar von Schwerin attended an invasive species workshop. They learned about Japanese Knotweed, Glossy Buckthorn and more. Dick Fortin placed a hardware cloth over some of the knotweed growing by Camp Waukeela, hoping to stop the spread of the weed.

Beavers have caused some problems at the Giles' place. The ECC discussed the possibility of putting in a beaver pipe to help with the damage. Beavers will be one of the workshop topics at the NHACC meeting. More information is hoped to be learned at the workshop.

Next meeting: November 13, 2023 at 6 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm

Respectfully submitted by Robin Nuccio