

EATON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

February 12, 2024

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. Members present were Marnie Cobbs, Dick Fortin, Paul Nuccio, Robin Nuccio, Holly Fortin and Tom Head. Also present were Dagmar von Schwerin and Dennis Sullivan.

2. **ADMINISTRATION** – Minutes of the January 8 meeting were accepted.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Conservation Fund	\$15,806.00	CD \$10,125.80
Foss Mountain Fund	\$16,265.64	
Forest Management Fund	\$18,140.99	CD \$30,377.39
Land Conservation Fund	\$ 9,379.79	CD \$10,125.80
TOTAL	\$59,592.42	\$110,221.41 ALL
Donation box at trailhead	\$32.00	
Website Donation Income	\$0	

The ECC voted to reimburse Heather McKendry \$12.00 for the ECC email account annual fee.

Treasurer's report was accepted.

4. **SELECTMEN'S REPORT** – Judy Fowler and Dick Brisbois will be recognized at the next Town meeting.

5. **PLANNING BOARD** – 11 Zoning Amendments were approved by the Board. The amendment most relevant to the ECC is the loosening of the Steep Slope regulations to require surveying of land within 200' of only the area within a parcel that would be disturbed by development, including driveways, rather than the whole parcel. The PB will continue work on the Master Plan and is asking the ECC to submit input / language that it will review for potential inclusion in the final plan. The PB also asks for the ECC's input to a questionnaire that will be sent out to Eaton residents and tax payers. (*reminder*: It was suggested that we might get help from NHACC to fine tune the questions to avoid leading questions and ensure that the most useful information is gathered). Final decisions on what will be included in the Master Plan will be made by the Planning Board, as according to Statute.

6. **FOSS MANAGEMENT** – Dick and Marnie will talk with Ryan Bushnell about his interest and intentions regarding blueberry field management.

7. **TOWN LAND MANAGEMENT** – no issues

8. **FOREST MANAGEMENT** – no issues

9. **WATER MANAGEMENT** – Green Mountain Conservation Group submitted their Long Pond Report for 2018-2023. Bob Craycraft submitted the Crystal Lake Secci disc report for 2023, Bob Craycraft will need to charge for future Chlorophyll and phosphorus analysis at \$14.00 each

test. Paul talked with Bob about sharing equipment with Mark Carbone, but Bob can supply equipment if this does not prove to be efficient.

10. COMMUNITY COHORT -

The next Conservation Conversation on “Wetlands Conservation” will be led by Dan Coons, Resource Scientist at ILEX Consulting in Wolfeboro, to be held on Thursday, February 29, 6:30 - 8:00 PM at Eaton Town Hall. News of the Conversation will be posted and Barbara Richter of the NHACC will also be publicizing. Dan was interested to hear of Paul’s goal to become certified in Wetlands Assessments and would be willing to mentor him.

Dennis proposed a talk in April or May on Invasive Species with potential presenters to include Wendy Scribner, Carroll County Forester, and Doug Cygan (NHDA Invasive Species Coordinator). Dagmar will help Dennis organize.

Another proposed topic might be Yard maintenance with the NH Lakes Association

NRI Study Group - Dennis Sullivan, Bruce McBrien, Kevin Conklin, Paul Nuccio, Dagmar von Schwerin and Kurt Wilson. First discussion was on Wetlands and Water, with additional topics suggested by NHACC to follow including Wildlife Habitat and Rare Species, Unfragmented Lands, Forestry and Farmland, and Steep Slopes, among others. The group will study the NRI Maps and report back on overlaps and areas in Eaton where the most urgent preservation efforts will be recommended. Paul and Dagmar can update the ECC on an ongoing basis. Dennis is aiming for a final report in approx. 2 months. A supplemental NRI map focused on Town Forest lands was initially proposed to be separated from the public NRI, however the group felt that it should be included in the overall NRI.

10. OTHER BUSINESS –

John Border cleaned out the Wood duck box - no eggs / activity reported.

Paul will check with Mark Carbone about Bob Craycraft’s water test results.

Paul has almost completed all boundary assessments, giving the ECC the info needed to determine which boundaries need marking and / or clarification.

Next meeting: March 11, 2024 at 6 pm

Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm

Respectfully submitted by Dagmar von Schwerin, Recording Secretary