

Eaton Conservation Commission
January 11, 2021

1. A duly-noticed virtual meeting of the ECC took place this date via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

As Chair of the Board of Selectmen, Dick Fortin found that due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order # 25 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this public body is authorized to meet electronically.

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Dick Fortin started the meeting by taking roll call attendance: Dick Fortin (Holly Fortin in the room), Marnie Cobbs (no one in the room), Tom Head (no one in the room), Judy Fowler (no one in the room), Heather McKendry (no one in the room), Holly Fortin (Dick Fortin in the room.)

2.AMINISTRATION *Minutes of the 12/14/20 meeting were unanimously accepted.*

3. TREASURER'S REPORT There was no report for this month. Dick B. will report on two months at the next meeting. Marnie reported that \$5000 was deposited from the last timbering. Tom reported that he retrieved \$12 (from two months) from the box on Foss.

4.SELECTMEN'S REPORT Dick F reported that things at Town Hall were quiet over the holidays.

A. This year there will be a total revaluation of Eaton properties. The assessor will conduct site visits at minimum 200 properties and combine that with a statistical analysis to bring the Town to a total revaluation required by the State.

B. Bridge on Potter Rd. - construction costs have increased although the builder feels he has built this possibility into his cost. It is important that Eaton stays on the DOT bridge list.

C. Selectmen are working on the Town budget.

D. Work will be done on the first stream crossing in Snowville, probably just cement lining at this point.

5.WETLANDS and LAKES A. Amanda Stone of UNH Cooperative Extension will present a workshop 1/27/21, 5 – 6 pm: "Planning for Protection - Using Your Natural Resource Inventory" via Zoom on the Green Mt. Conservation Group. Register online.

B. The Saco Headwaters Alliance will make a presentation to the Planning Board 2/10/21 and Marnie has requested the ECC be included.

6.BLUEBERRY MANAGEMENT Olivia Saunders has asked the ECC to be part of a collaborative study between U Maine and UNH Cooperative Extension on organic blueberry growing.

7.LAND MANAGEMENT PLANNING Discussion continued re: ECC stewardship of Foss Mt. and other Town lands. Information was shared from Natural Heritage Bureau, Geospatial Data Survey, National and NH Wetlands Inventory/Mapper, NH Fish & Game Wildlife Action Plan, USDA Soil Web Survey and Eaton's Forest Management plan and others.

Some areas to be followed up: possible intern/steward on Foss: possible website for Foss.

ECC will send a questionnaire to townspeople re: use of Town lands. Contact Marnie with possible questions.

Next meeting will be February 8, 2021 at 6:00 via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler.

Eaton Conservation Commission
February 8, 2021

1. A duly-noticed virtual meeting of the ECC took place this date via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

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Dick Fortin started the meeting by taking roll call attendance: Dick Fortin (Holly Fortin in the room), Marnie Cobbs (Dennis Sullivan in the room part of the time), Tom Head (no one in the room), Judy Fowler (no one in the room), Heather McKendry (no one in the room), Holly Fortin (Dick Fortin in the room), Helon Hoffer (no one in the room), Dick Brisbois (by Marnie's telephone), Brian Hebert as guest (no one in the room) was present for part of the meeting.

2.AMINISTRATION *Minutes of the 1/11/21 meeting were unanimously accepted by roll call.*

3.TREASURER'S REPORT

| | <u>January, 2021</u> | <u>February, 2021</u> |
|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Eaton Conservation Fund | \$ 9,501.85 | \$ 9,501.92 |
| Forest Management Fund | 61,136.70 | 66,672.62 |
| Land Acquisition Fund | <u>11,829.64</u> | <u>11,829.64</u> |
| | \$82,468.19 | \$88,004.18 |

Dick B. said he had deposited \$9,853.18 from timbering receipts.

A bill from Dan Stepanauskas for \$1,172. was discussed an it was decided that further discussion with Dan is needed.

Treasurer's report was unanimously accepted.

4.NATURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY Dennis Sullivan presented his work on a Natural Resource Inventory for Eaton. He has finished the initial phase and is working on a website with maps. He would appreciate people sending him information on streams and also wildlife and plants.

5.FOREST MANAGEMENT No new issues.

6.SELECTMEN'S REPORT Dick F. reported that they are continuing to work on the Town budget and will meet 2/9/21 re: mechanics of voting and Town Meeting.

7.WETLAND and LAKE ISSUES A.Marnie is now on a committee of the Conway Lake Conservation Association dealing with the south (Eaton) end of Conway Lake.

B.There was discussion re: having monitors at the south end of Conway Lake, possibly having someone check both Eaton lakes for invasive species, and whether the Crystal Lake beach guard could monitor boats being launched there. More information is needed.

C.ECC members can access the Saco Headwaters Alliance presentation to the Eaton Planning Board on 2/10/21 at 6:15 pm. A link will be sent for this Zoom meeting.

8.BLUEBERRY MANAGEMENT Discussion is needed with Ryan Bushnell about this year's upcoming blueberry operation.

Brian Hebert was present, expressing an interest in knowing more about the blueberry operation on Foss Mt.

Marnie plans to talk again with Maine organic blueberry grower Nicolas Lindholm.

9.LAND MANAGEMENT A.There was discussion about a possible Foss Mt. and/or ECC Website with which Heather has been experimenting. She encouraged ECC members to access it and provide her with feedback. To be discussed further.

B.Discussion continued on updating the signage on Foss.

10.OTHER BUSINESS The "Sense of Place " series was discussed.

Next meeting: March 11, 2021 at 6:00 pm via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler

Eaton Conservation Commission
March 15, 2021

1. A duly-noticed virtual meeting of the ECC took place this date via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

Selectman's representative Dick Fortin found that due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order # 25 pursuant to Executive Order 2021-04, this public body is authorized to meet electronically.

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Dick Fortin started the meeting by taking roll call attendance: Marnie Cobbs (no one in the room), Dick Brisbois (by phone), Dick Fortin (Holly Fortin in the room), Tom Head (no one in the room), Judy Fowler (no one in the room), Helon Hoffer (no one in the room), Heather McKendry (no one in the room), Holly Fortin (Dick Fortin in the room), Dan Stepanauskas as guest.

2.AMINISTRATION *Minutes of the 2/8/21meeting were unanimously accepted by roll call.*

3.TREASURER'S REPORT

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|-------------------------|------------------|
| Eaton Conservation Fund | \$ 9,501.99 |
| Forest Management Fund | 70,990.84 |
| Land Acquisition Fund | <u>11,829.64</u> |
| | \$ 92,322.47 |

Tom reported that there was no money in the donation box.

Treasurer's report was unanimously accepted by roll call..

4.FOREST MANAGEMENT Dan Stepanauskas was present to discuss his last bill which he lowered to \$675.

5.SELECTMEN'S REPORT Dick F. reported that the selectmen have accepted the low bid for work on the first bridge on Potter Rd. The Eaton end of the road will be closed from June – October.

There was a good turn out for Election Day.

A photographer has been advertising that she would take group photographs on Foss Mt. beginning in April. A "Town Land Use Permit" is required for commercial use of Foss so the selectmen informed her that each photo shoot on Foss would cost \$75 and that the road might not be open in April. She chose to cancel her request.

The selectmen are looking for volunteers to work on updating the Town's Hazardous Mitigation Plan.

6.WETLAND and LAKE ISSUES A.Invasive species - Marnie has sent a proposal to Cliff Cabral of New England Milfoil re: exploring some of our waterbodies for invasive species. He charges \$85 per hour for two men and a boat. She will also talk with him about doing some education with the ECC on invasive species. She contacted the Madison Conservation Commission re: working with them on Purity Lake. The ECC may restart regular checks for invasive species and Marnie will speak to Kristy Foster about this. The selectmen have spoken with beach guard Elaine Weathers who is very willing to hand out information to boaters about invasive species.

B. Selectmen want a letter from landowner Herrera giving the Town permission to have a volunteer stationed at the South end of Conway Lake and to contact Fish and Game regarding the boat launch. There has been no decision regarding placing a camera there.

7.BLUEBERRY MANAGEMENT A lease for the coming season has been sent to Ryan Bushnell.

8.LAND MANAGEMENT There was discussion re: Foss kiosks and the Google account set up by Heather These will be discussed further at the next meeting.

9.SCHOLARSHIPS *It was unanimously approved by roll call to spend up to \$1000 for scholarships for Eaton children to attend Tin Mountain summer camps.*

Dick B. will check with the manager of the Henney Fund re: what was done with the \$759.36 that was allotted last year and not used due to Covid. The Henney Fund has \$993.06 for the scholarships in 2021.

10.OTHER BUSINESS Amanda Stone of UNH Cooperative Extension will present a workshop on Natural Resource Inventories on 3/31/21, 5 – 6:00 pm at www.gmcg.org.

The next Sense of Place Community Forum will be 4/7/21 at 6:30pm by Zoom.

Next meeting will be April 12, 2021 at 6:00pm via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler

Eaton Conservation Commission
April 12, 2021

1. A duly-noticed virtual meeting of the ECC took place this date via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

Marnie Cobbs, chairman of ECC read that: due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order # 25 pursuant to Executive Order 2021-05, this public body is authorized to meet electronically.

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Marnie started the meeting by taking roll call attendance: Marnie Cobbs (no one in the room), Dick Brisbois (by phone), Dick Fortin (Holly Fortin in the room), Tom Head (no one in the room), Judy Fowler (no one in the room), Heather McKendry (no one in the room), Holly Fortin (Dick Fortin in the room.)

2.ADMINISTRATION *Minutes of the 3/8/21 meeting were unanimously accepted*

3.TREASURER'S REPORT

| | |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| Eaton Conservation Fund | \$ 9,502.07 |
| Forest Management Fund | 72,578.18 |
| Land Acquisition Fund | <u>11,829.64</u> |
| | \$93,909.89 |

Dick B. said that Michael Renn, manager of the Henney Fund, reported that that \$2900 was carried from last year. There is \$993.06 in the Conservation Fund for camp scholarships.

Treasurer's report was unanimously accepted.

4.SELECTMEN'S REPORT Per Dick F., Stubby Heath has ditched and added new stone at the boat ramp at Crystal Lake. The catch basin worked and held water.

The repair on the first bridge on Potter Rd. was awarded by the state. It will be closed to both vehicles and pedestrians from June to October.

Town meeting will be April 20, 6:00pm at the base lodge at King Pine. Masks and social distancing will be required.

Building permits are picking up.

The state Shoreland Water Quality Act appears to allow secondary structures in the 0-50' buffer but they must be at least 20 feet from the shoreline. However Town zoning requires set back of 125' from Crystal and Purity Lakes, Long, Hatch and Thurston Ponds which supersedes the state regulation.

Septic systems require a 125' setback from wetlands. And although wetlands scientists can easily identify wetlands, confusion can arise when laypersons think they are looking at wetlands and they may not be, by definition "wetlands".

They are working on refreshing the Deputy Fire Warden list.

5.PLANNING BOARD Heather reported that they are rewriting portions of the Master Plan including the Quality of Life and Transient Housing sections.

6.LAND MANAGEMENT There was discussion of reworking the signs at the Foss Mt. Trail. ECC members will meet at the parking lot at the trail at 8:00 Sunday, 4/18/21 to look it all over.

7.WETLAND and LAKE ISSUES New signs have been placed at the Eaton end of Conway lake. Kristy Foster will be the Town aquatics/invasive species person.

8.BLUEBERRY MANAGEMENT Ryan Bushnell has accepted the new lease for the blueberry fields. John Neely of the US Forest Service plans to burn in the blueberry fields this month.

9.FOREST MANAGEMENT A walk through will be done on the Baldwins' property subsequent to the logging operation that was accessed through that property.

10.OTHER BUSINESS A.Marnie reminded everyone of the upcoming Sense of Place seminars.

B.Dick B. and Frank Holmes will continue to check for invasive species on Crystal Lake.

C.There is a need for stewards at Foss and at our lakes.

Next meeting: May 10, 2021

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler

Eaton Conservation Commission
May 11, 2021

1. A duly-noticed virtual meeting of the ECC took place this date via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

Marnie Cobbs, chairman of ECC read that: due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order # 25 pursuant to Executive Order 2021-08, this public body is authorized to meet electronically.

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Marnie started the meeting by taking roll call attendance: Marnie Cobbs (no one in the room), Dick Brisbois (by phone, no one in the room), Dick Fortin (Holly Fortin in the room), Tom Head (no one in the room), Judy Fowler (no one in the room), Heather McKendry (no one in the room), Holly Fortin (Dick Fortin in the room.)

2.ADMINISTRATION *Minutes of the 4/12/21 meeting were unanimously accepted*

3.TREASURER'S REPORT

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|-------------------------|------------------|
| Eaton Conservation Fund | \$ 9,502.16 |
| Forest Management Fund | 71,903.87 |
| Land Acquisition Fund | <u>11,829.64</u> |
| | \$93,235.67 |

The donation box yielded \$59.25

Treasurer's report was unanimously accepted.

4.SELECTMEN'S REPORT Per Dick F. building permits continue to increase. Some requests for additions and those on non-conforming lots are referred to the ZBA.

The beach guards will be Elaine Weathers and Suzanne Raiche.

There will be a meeting with DOT re: any alterations to the intersection at Rt.153, Glines Hill Rd. and Ridge Rd. Surveyors are working there now and will report to the DOT where it will be decided if road alterations are needed..

There are wetlands violations on Willis Bean Rd.

Town Hall may reopen at the end of May.

5.PLANNING BOARD REPORT Per Heather, Dennis Sullivan continues to work on a Natural Resource Inventory.

They are continuing to review the Town Master Plan and some zoning ordinances.

There will be a meeting with new owners in Woodland Acres re: concerns about their work on a steep slope site.

6.LAND MANAGEMENT A.Re: signage at the Foss Mt. Trail, there was discussion about a draft for new signage created by David Norton at the lower kiosk. *It was unanimously voted to expend up to \$500 on the kiosk work.*

B.ECC members looked at the possible Foss Mt. Website created by Heather.

C.Possible fundraising and donations for Foss Mt. were discussed. More information is needed and Dick F. will follow this up.

7.WETLAND/LAKE ISSUES *It was unanimously voted to expend up to \$510 to have Cliff Cabral check out Crystal Lake for invasive species.*

8,BLUEBERRY MANAGEMENT A.The Forest Service supervised a prescribed burn on Foss Mt. on 4/28/21, successfully burning the lower field and the top of the mountain. Brooks Pasture would not burn due to some rain from the day before and they are open to returning to burn it and the rest of the ridge in better conditions. Marnie will draft a thank you letter to John Neely, Forest Service Fuel Specialist and Jim Innes, Saco District Ranger for making the burn possible.

B.Ryan Bushnell signed the lease for the blueberry fields.

9.FOREST MANAGEMENT A.Dan Stepanauskas, Town Forester, submitted a new work agreement. Dick F. will run it by UNH Cooperative Extension forester Wendy Scribner.

B.Marnie wrote to Shirley Baldwin to confirm satisfaction with the logging impact on her road.

10.OTHER BUSINESS A.The Saco Headwaters Alliance will present findings to the Planning Board on 5/12/21 at 6:30pm. Marnie has sent the Zoom link for ECC members to attend.

B.Trail planning for 2022 will be continued.

C.Horizon Forestry – It is hoped they will be able to brush cut on Foss in early June. If they cannot cut , we may do another volunteer cutting day. *It was unanimously voted to pay them up to \$8000 for the cut.*

D.Marnie, Holly and Judy will work on ECC files at Town Hall at a time to be arranged.

Next meeting: June 14, 2021, hopefully in-person.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler.

Eaton Conservation Commission
June 14, 2021

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm. Present were: Marnie Cobbs, Tom Head, Dick Brisbois, Judy Fowler, Dick Fortin, Heather McKendry and Holly Fortin.

2.ADMINISTRATION *The Minutes of the 5/10/21 meeting were unanimously accepted.*

3.TREASURER'S REPORT

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|-------------------------|------------------|
| Eaton Conservation Fund | \$ 9,502.23 |
| Forest Management Fund | 71,904.42 |
| Land Acquisition Fund | <u>11,829.64</u> |
| | \$93,236.29 |

The donation box yielded \$19.00, making a total of \$90.25 since 1/10/21.

The Treasurer's Report was unanimously accepted.

It was unanimously voted to reimburse Marnie \$222.20 for signs she purchased for Foss Mt.

It was unanimously voted to reimburse Heather \$12 for purchase of the domain for the Foss Mt. website.

Re: Tin Mt. Scholarships, after discussion it was unanimously voted to pay 80% of the cost of each child's Tin Mountain camp. Judy will send letters to parents.

4.TROUT PROJECT Katey Lewis research manager at Tin Mt. Conservation Center presented information about their Trout Project, part of which is on a 2 & ½ mile section of Linscott Brook, most of which is on Town land.

5.SELECTMEN'S REPORT The selectmen met with DOT and flashing speed signs will be placed near the Alley residence and the Hartman residence to help reduce speeding in the center of town near the Eaton Village Store.

The first meeting (of five) re: a Hazardous Mitigation Plan was well attended.

Starting in July the selectmen will be meeting the first and third Tuesdays from 4:00 - 6:00 pm.

It is now an ordinance that there may be no fireworks on Town lands which means the Sheriff's Dept. can be called to enforce violations.

Selectmen are revising the current land use permit to clarify use by commercial entities.

They are still dealing with some setback violations regarding waterbodies.

There have been eight permits issued for new house building.

They have clarified that one beach pass applies only to one car actually at the beach.

6.PLANNING BOARD Dennis Sullivan plans to present his work on a Natural Resource Inventory for Eaton in July.

7.BLUEBERRY MANAGEMENT A.Horizon Forestry will be brush cutting on Foss Mt. very soon.

B.Marnie will contact Ryan Bushnell to do a walk through in the south fields.

C.Sulfur spreading – tabled until the fall.

8.FOREST MANAGEMENT *It was unanimously voted to accept Dan Stepanauskas's work agreement with clarification. Dick F. will discuss with Dan.*

9.OTHER BUSINESS A.The large kiosk sign is in process.

B.Dick F. will get posts for the new signs and a work party will set them Saturday 6/19/21, meeting at the winter parking lot at 8:00am.

C. There was discussion about the new Foss Mt. website Heather has been developing.

D. Phragmites - A small patch of the invasive species has been dealt with in one of the meadows on Route 153. DES and NH Dept. of Agriculture will provide guidance on how to finish up the effort. The patch will be monitored going forward for any signs of sprouting.

Next meeting: July 12, 2021 at 6:00pm at Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler

Eaton Conservation Commission

July 12, 2021

1.Meeting called to order at 6:00pm. Present were Marnie Cobbs, Tom Head, Dick Brisbois, Dick Fortin, Heather McKendry, Holly Fortin, Judy Fowler and Dennis Sullivan as guest.

2.ADMINISTRATION *Minutes of the 6/14/21 meeting were unanimously accepted.*

3.TREASURER'S REPORT

| | |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| Eaton Conservation Fund | \$ 9,580.57 |
| Forest Management Fund | 69,105.08 |
| Land Acquisition Fund | 11,829.64 |
| Foss Mountain Fund | <u>150.00</u> |
| | \$90,665.29 |

Tom reported \$29.02 from the lock box. A new donation of \$50 was made towards the Foss Mt. Fund. The sign new at the lower kiosk was printed by Minuteman Press for \$92 (already approved.)

Treasurer's report was unanimously accepted.

4.BLUEBERRY MANAGEMENT A.Cutting by Horizon Forestry is delayed.

B. Marnie will follow up with Ryan Bushnell.

C.An application for a grant from NH Fish and Game for \$2,097 towards management on Foss Mt.has been submitted.

5.FOREST MANAGEMENT At the second bridge on Willis Bean Rd. a rubber diverter will be repaired.

6.LAND MANAGEMENT PLANNING A.Re: kiosks – Marnie shared the new sign for the lowest kiosk on the Foss Mt. Trail. She and Dick B. will place it in the kiosk. There was discussion about the material in the second kiosk. Judy and Holly will go over the text and photos and Marnie will deal with the signs re: prohibited activities.

B.There was discussion re: grant funds that the ECC might be eligible for, specifically the Waterman Fund, Davis Conservation Fund and the Pequowket Fund.

7.PLANNING BOARD REPORT They are working on short term rental issues, house minimum size and walking properties.

8.SELECTMEN'S REPORT The property assessor is currently walking properties in Town and will carry identification.

On Brownfield Rd., Jeffrey Hertel submitted an application to DOT for three driveway cuts to accommodate a six lot subdivision. He has yet to approach the Planning Board for review.

9.NATURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY Dennis Sullivan presented his Eaton Natural Resource Inventory and guided ECC members in its use.

9.FOSS MOUNTAIN WEBSITE There was further discussion of the new website created by Heather and it was agreed for it to go live tonight at: fossmountain.org.

Next meeting: August 9, 2021 at the Town hall at 600pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler

Eaton Conservation Commission
August 9, 2021

1. Meeting called to order by Tom Head at 6:00pm. Present were Tom Head, Dick Brisbois, Dick Fortin, Heather McKendry, Holly Fortin and Judy Fowler.

2. ADMINISTRATION *Minutes of the 7/12/21 meeting were unanimously accepted with a correction re: date of next meeting.*

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

| | |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| Eaton Conservation Fund | \$ 9,386.96 |
| Forest Management Fund | 69,105.61 |
| Land Management Fund | 11,829.64 |
| Foss Mountain Fund | <u>150.00</u> |
| | \$90,472.21 |

The donation box yielded \$205.33. Additional amounts of \$250 and \$150 have been recently donated for the Foss Mt. Fund. These will place it above \$500 avoiding fees for that account.

Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved.

4. SELECTMEN'S REPORT Recent topics covered were: Brownfield Rd. subdivision owner to meet with the Planning Board 8/11/21; Hatch Pond dock/deck issue; stairs on Hatch Pond in violation of 125' setback; Upper Saco Valley Land Trust/Marquis/Low plans for future trails; re: Potter Rd. bridge work, DES had to re-submit a de-watering plan due to high water there.

5. PLANNING BOARD They continue to work on the Master Plan, and the plans for a structure on a steep slope in Woodland Acres has been put off.

6. WETLAND/LAKE ISSUES The new sign re: invasive plants will be placed at the boat ramp.

7. LAND MANAGEMENT Kiosk #2 has been partially edited by Holly and Judy will complete her part. There was discussion re: topics for the third kiosk including: hiking etiquette, staying on the trail, brush cutting and fire danger. Discussion to be continued.

8. BLUEBERRY MANAGEMENT Marnie and Dick F. met with Ryan and he agreed to pick Town blueberries which yielded 540 pints.

9. FOREST MANAGEMENT The selectmen signed Dan Stepanauskas's latest contract.

Next meeting: September 13, 2021 at Town Hall at 6:00pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler.

Eaton Conservation Commission
September 13, 2021

1.Meeting called to order at 6:00pm. Present were Tom Head, Dick Fortin, Dick Brisbois, Holly Fortin, Helon Hoffer, Heather McKendry and Judy Fowler.

2.ADMINISTRATION *Minutes of the 8/9/21 meeting were unanimously approved with the correction in item # 4, last sentence "re: Potter Rd. bridge work: Contractor had to re-submit to DES a de-watering plan due to high water." and typing corrections to the 9/13/21 minutes #9 capital T to small t and #10 He became The.*

3.TREASURER'S REPORT

| | |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| Eaton Conservation Fund | \$ 9,592.36 |
| Forest Management Fund | 69,106.14 |
| Land Acquisition Fund | 11,829.64 |
| Foss Mt. Fund | <u>350.00</u> |
| | \$ 90.878.14 |

The Foss donation box yielded \$172.20 to be credited to the Conservation Fund.
The Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved.

4.SELECTMEN'S REPORT Recent topics covered were: Building permits mostly for repairs and small projects; tree cuts in Snowville cemetery; Potter Rd - One reason the bridge has been moving slowly is because the contractor submitted a modified dewatering plan because of the high amount of rain this summer. The new plan had to be reviewed by DES. Cemetery trust funds are being organized; working on Hazardous Mitigation plan.

5.PLANNING BOARD Working on proposed subdivision on Youngs Rd.; transient housing; one driveway change.

6.FOSS MOUNTAIN Some wording on the first kiosk will be amended to read "Permits are required for all events and commercial use. No group size to exceed 15 people." Dick F. will consult with Marnie on this. *It was unanimously approved to allot \$92 to amend this the first kiosk sign.*

Kiosk # 2 Holly and Judy presented some of their work on this kiosk and will complete it.
Kiosk # 3 – tabled for more discussion.

7.WETLAND/LAKE ISSUES Cliff Cabral will dive re: possible invasive plants in Crystal Lake this fall.

8.BLUEBERRY MANAGEMENT A. Horizon Forestry plans to cut the top of the Foss Mt. ridge, south field and Manson Hill this fall. Manson Hill needs more extensive (trees) cutting to preserve the view.

B. Willis Bean Rd. - Dick F. and Tom looked over the flap with the water bar at the first bridge and felt it is adequate for now. There is some mud collected on the decking and Tom will remove it.

9.TAKING ACTION for WILDLIFE This is a Partnership between UNH Cooperative Extension, NH Fish and game and the Association of Conservation Commissions and there is a committee of Eaton residents working on it.

10.OTHER BUSINESS The Tin Mt. Conservation Center crew are almost finished placing wood additions in Linscott Brook for the Trout Project.

Next meeting: October 11, 2021 at 6:00pm at Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler

Eaton Conservation Commission

October 11, 2021

1. Meeting called to order at 6:04. Present were Tom Head, Dick Fortin, Dick Brisbois, Holly Fortin, Marnie Cobbs, Heather McKendry.

2. ADMINISTRATION *Minutes of the 9/13/21 meeting were unanimously approved with corrections to the corrections "re: Potter Rd. bridge work: Contractor had to re-submit to DES a de-watering plan due to high water." and typing corrections to the 9/13/21 minutes #9 capital T to small t and #10 He became The.*

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

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| Eaton Conservation Fund | \$ 9338.73 |
| Forest Management Fund | \$69106.80 |
| Land Acquisition Fund | \$15,579.93 |
| Foss Mtn. Fund | <u>\$ 645.00</u> |
| | \$94,670.46 |

Donation Box Income \$61.00

Website Donation Income \$1500.00

The Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved.

Motion was made to pay the "Horizon Forestry" invoice for Foss Mtn. brushcutting in the amount of \$7656.25. *Passed unanimously.*

Motion was made to pay annual dues of \$250.00 to the "NH Association of Conservation Commissions". *Passed unanimously.*

4. SELECTMEN'S REPORT Dick gave an update on the Potter Road bridge, and the status of the Town land use policy.

5. PLANNING BOARD Planning Board had not met since the last ECC meeting.

6. FOSS KIOSK Lower Kiosk message will be changed after the Land Use Policy is updated. The historical Kiosk is being revised by Holly and Judy. Marnie will help with the finishing touches. The upper Kiosk has been vandalized and will be taken down ASAP for repairs. The "Leave No Trace" sign has been vandalized as well, Tom feels it can be repaired on site and placed higher in the tree. Marnie will contact Helon Hoffer to see if he can clean the water bars on the Foss Mtn. trail. Marnie will get more "No Bear Dogs" signs for the area around Foss. She did contact NH Fish and Game last weekend to check in with some hunters using bear dogs. The Game Warden did make contact with the hunters.

7. WETLANDS / LAKE ISSUES Cliff Cabral will be diving in Crystal lake but will not try to schedule it with ECC members.

8. BLUEBERRY MANAGEMENT Horizon Forestry completed the work in three days. There were many favorable comments regarding the quality of the work that was done. This year's cut included South of the old trail, the Ridge, the prescribed burn area, and Manson Hill. Heather collected many "No Picking" signs off Foss Mt. and

dropped them off at Dick B.'s house for repair.

9. TAKING ACTION for WILDLIFE Marnie gave a summary of the work the Cohort group has done to date. She explained the direction the group would take going forward developing a "Conservation Plan" for town lands. The group is considering a strategy for getting other landowners with larger parcels involved.

10. OTHER BUSINESS ECC received notification from DOT regarding a culvert replacement on Route 153 in Eaton Center. Wood Additions on Linscott Brook have been completed by Tin Mountain Conservation Center. Ken MacGray contacted Marnie for permission to include the Foss Mtn. Trail in the newest version of the AMC White Mountain Trail Guide. He will not include it after Marnie explained the ECC's concern regarding the increase in use.

Motion to adjourn at 7:04 pm.

Next meeting: November 8, 2021 at 6:00 pm at the Eaton Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted by Dick Fortin

Eaton Conservation Commission
November 8, 2021

1.Meeting called to order at 6:00pm. Present were Marnie Cobbs, Tom Head, Dick Brisbois, Dick Fortin, Heather McKendry, Helon Hoffer, Holly Fortin, Judy Fowler and Dan Stepanauskas as guest.

2.ADMINISTRATION *Minutes of the 10/11/21 meeting were unanimously accepted.*

3.TREASURER'S REPORT There was no regular report as one had not been received by Dick B. by the time of this meeting.

Tom picked up \$89 from the box on Foss Mt.

It was unanimously approved to reimburse Dick F. \$42 for plexiglass for one kiosk.

4.SELECTMEN'S REPORT The Potter Rd. bridge work has been held up by recent heavy rain. Per DOT, they hope it will be finished by Thanksgiving.

5.PLANNING BOARD There has not been a meeting, so nothing to report.

6.COMMUNITY COHORT Marnie said this committee had met, including UNH Cooperative Extension forester Wendy Scribner. The Cohort's Project Goal is: 1.Educate the Eaton community about past and current land conservation, and about threats to the town due to climate change and increased use of town lands. 2.Develop a conservation plan for town lands based on a shared vision that protects natural resources and minimizes impacts on wildlife.

6.FOREST MANAGEMENT A.Dan Stepanauskas Town Forester, used Town forest maps to indicate areas that were particularly rich in wildlife and fauna to aid the ECC and the Community Cohort in management of the Town forests.

B.Dick F., Tom and Tom Rose spread 1&1/2" rock on the access road running through the southern blueberry fields and onto the McKenzie field.

C.Dick F. and Holly put in new water bars at the first Willis Bean Rd. bridge and did some repair at the second bridge.

D.Eight No Bear Dogs signs will be placed on Town forest lands.

6.FOSS MOUNTAIN A.Kiosks - Holly completed the second kiosk and the contents will be placed in it. The third kiosk, which had been vandalized, will be repaired, refilled and replaced, possibly closer to the stone wall at the end of the gravel trail.

B. Trail – There are washed out areas on the trail due to heavy foot use and by recent heavy rains. Trail work will be needed in the spring.

7.WETLAND/LAKE ISSUES Cliff Cabral and his crew dove Crystal Lake for possible invasive species and found the lake clean.

8.BLUEBERRY MANAGEMENT Nothing new at this time.

9.OTHER Wood additions on Linscott Brook were checked after the recent heavy rains. Many of the additions were creating pools, some had moved a little and overall the project was declared successful.

A deer stand was found off the Willis Bean Rd. Such stands on any property should have landowner permission and identify the user.

Next meeting will be December 13 at 6:00pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fowler

Eaton Conservation Commission
December 13, 2021

Meeting called to order at 6:10 Present were Marnie Cobbs, Holly Fortin, Dick Brisbois, Heather McKendry, and Dick Fortin.

ADMINISTRATION Minutes of the November 8 meeting were approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT No Treasurer's report as bank statements have not been received.

Treasurer accepted a check for \$9.04 from Marnie Cobbs for the purchase of "No Bear Dogs" signs from the ECC.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT Fortin reported that the Potter Road bridge will be completed by mid week. Selectmen will begin working on the 2022 budget in anticipation of the Town meeting.

PLANNING BOARD Planning Board has focused on zoning ordinances for Town meeting. Planning Board is currently working on two subdivisions and 1 Steep Slope application.

FOSS MANAGEMENT Board reviewed new messages for the upper Kiosk. Dick F. will take the ideas discussed and draw up a new message to scale for next month.

Trail maintenance – Board will review a proposal for resurfacing some sections, addressing two drainage issues, a re-route for a ledgy area and possibly building a new entrance for the parking lot. Some grant funding will be pursued and a request for bids will be made for 2022 or 2023 from Off the Beaten Path, Ryan Harvey, and Recontraildesign.

TOWN LANDS MANAGEMENT a spread sheet of expenses and income over the last 10 years was reviewed as well as a general list of expenses and various sources of income. The Board will discuss again next month and work on establishing priorities for expenditures going forward.
Board will review Town Reports to establish when town lands were officially designated as "Town Forests" by vote at Town meeting. Intent is to clarify what expenses can be paid from the Forest Management Fund versus the Conservation Fund.

FOREST MANAGEMENT Town forester reported there will be no logging this winter but there will be a small sale in 2022 in Unit 3. This will include some areas missed in a sale in 2005. The abutter Kunz will have to be contacted for use of their log landing and Dan Grubowski for access.
The status of blazing and painting the property lines for town lands were discussed. The Board currently thinks only a few lines remain questionable and will contact a surveyor for advice.

COMMUNITY COHORT Feb. 24 and 26 have been chosen for public

presentations by the Cohort group. The goals and intent of the Cohort effort was discussed along with clarification of the format and topics that will be presented.
OTHER BUSINESS No news regarding the deer stand on Town land.

The Chair suggested we make a better effort at keeping track of the number of volunteer hours contributed by board members and the general public. Some of those hours can be used as a match for various grants.

Heather McKendry shared a letter she found in the Clerk's office that discusses past efforts at implementing long term planning in an effort to control what Eaton would look like in the future. Although written years ago interestingly the thoughts and concerns still apply in 2021. The author is unknown but it is believed to be Keith Henney.

David George – Scrub Oak Scramblers (snowmobile club located in Madison) expressed an interest in revitalizing the relationship with the ECC. SOC would groom Willis Bean Road from Freedom in exchange they would help monitor the snowmobile activity on Foss. George also offered to work on the muddy section on the Willis Bean Road around Zak Page's house (Chet Russell A-frame).

Paul Nuccio – attended an "iNaturalist" webinar representing the ECC. The webinar was a training / introduction to cataloging natural resources in Eaton.

ECC discussed reimbursing Paul. Heather M. made the motion, Dick F. seconded to reimburse Paul the \$50 registration fee.

Next meeting will be on January 10, 2022 at 6:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Dick Fortin