

EATON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

October 13, 2025

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

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

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Land Conservation Fund	\$24,283.41	CD \$10,917.64	
Forest Management Fund	\$17,758.67	CD \$32,752.88	
Foss Mountain Fund	\$13,916.89		
Conservation Fund	\$14,501.81	CD \$10,917.64	
TOTALS	\$70,137.73	CD \$54,588.16	\$125,048.94
Donation boxes	\$147.66		
Website Donation Income	\$323.48 (included in total)		

ECC voted to pay \$36.86 out of Forest Management Fund for materials to repair a water bar.

ECC voted to use the remainder of the balance in the Henney Fund to pay part of the Horizon Forestry invoice for brush cutting on the blueberry fields as part of agricultural practice to enhance the growth of the blueberry plants.

Treasurer's report was accepted.

4. **SELECTMEN'S REPORT** – NH House bill 124, recently passed, states that ECC Forest Management Account money can be transferred into Eaton's Fund Balance. Such a transfer must be initiated by the ECC. The Town would then also need to vote to approve the transfer.

E coli test results for Crystal Lake – the highest number was 5.2, which is within limits.

Selectmen are working on brush cutting parameters tailored for four scenarios: regular roads, scenic roads, along streams & water courses, and for the south end of Conway Lake.

The Joint Board meeting was held and found useful for the information that was exchanged.

5. **PLANNING BOARD** – The PB held two public hearings. The first discussed the Brownfield Road development and the Dow property. The second hearing covered the construction of a new cell tower on Ridge Road. The October meeting will focus on finalizing language for ordinances covering zoning for short term rentals and buffer zones around Eaton's waters for Town vote.

6. **FOSS MANAGEMENT** – Marnie will check in on Emily Lucy to discuss the 2026 blueberry season. This year's drought will probably reduce the crop yield next year. Soil test results show a pH of 4.6 in both pastures. Olivia recommends adding sulphur after the cutting next year (2026) to get it down closer to 4.0. The possibility of using volunteers to help Emily was discussed.

Dick, Paul and Tom Head will cut brush and tree limbs along the stone wall in Brooks Pasture on Saturday morning Oct 18.

7. TOWN LAND MANAGEMENT – Dick and Paul repaired the missing water bar on Willis Bean Road. Some others water bars are displaced and rotting as are the runner boards on the bridge. Repair / replacement work will be undertaken in the Spring of 2026.

Discussed Tin Mountain's Bill Petrie's request to bring 4-5 kids with kayaks to South Cove for an educational guided paddle. They would go to the main launch to check the boats for aquatic invasives and then launch at South Cove. Discussion to be continued at ECC's next meeting.

Steve is working on signage to be placed at the official easement launch site and has sent it to the landowner for review. ECC will then review at the next meeting. Steve will also talk to the three landowners around South Cove about the possibility of posting designated parking area signs – opting for a positive approach that will help people “do the right thing”. Potter Road is becoming congested with people parking on both sides of the road.

Also discussed the possibility of placing boulders to block winter road maintenance pull-offs in the spring to prevent parking / over use, and removing the boulders in the fall to ensure that winter work vehicles can maneuver efficiently.

8. FOREST MANAGEMENT – Paul will re-paint existing faded boundary lines this Fall as time permits.

9. OTHER BUSINESS –

Trucks are driving onto the Waukeela Beach as the snow fence has not been replaced.

Conservation Plan – Paul and Dagmar will work on new draft to bring to the November meeting.

Meeting ended at 7:30 pm

Next meeting: November 10 at 6:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by Dagmar von Schwerin, Recording Secretary