

EATON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

November 10, 2025

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

2. ADMINISTRATION – Minutes of the October 13 meeting were accepted.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Land Conservation Fund	\$24,307.95	CD \$10,954.08
Forest Management Fund	\$17,776.62	CD \$32,862.20
Foss Mountain Fund	\$14,472.32	
Conservation Fund	\$13,740.84	CD \$10,954.08
 TOTALS	 \$70,031.64	 CD \$54,770.36 \$125,068.42
Donation boxes	\$1.00	
Website Donation Income	\$266.42 (included in total)	

Horizon Forestry Foss cutting invoice totaled \$6,631.95. \$2,964.65 will be drawn from the Henney Fund as part of Eaton's agricultural practice as voted at October's meeting. ECC approved withdrawal of the remainder of \$3,667.30 from the Foss Mountain Fund.

CDs mature in December. ECC voted to roll over funds

ECC voted to pay 2026 membership dues for NHACC (\$250) after January 1, 2026

Foss Mountain Donations – Jennefer Yewell requested that her recurring donation in memory of her cousin, Samuel Howell, be posted again on the Foss Mountain website.

Treasurer's report was accepted.

4. SELECTMEN'S REPORT – Selectmen met with Conway's landfill group. The 1988 agreement between Conway, Eaton and Albany estimated that the landfill would be full within 30 years. Instead, 37 years later, there is still room at the landfill, indicating that the recycling program is paying off even though recycling is also sometimes trashed when the market for certain recyclables is not profitable.

Selectmen met with Nancy Spaulding of NHDOT to discuss reduction of salt use along Route 153. Paul will send water quality data collected over the last two years to Mark Hemmerlin of NH DOT with the hope that this data will initiate a study to be conducted by NH DOT. Paul will obtain data from Bob Craycraft. It was noted that none of Eaton's lakes are on the DOT's list of water bodies to monitor.

Selectmen reviewed shoreland permit request by the Dean family.

5. PLANNING BOARD – PB meeting and work session were held to work on zoning amendments including the Short-Term Rental and Wetlands Conservation Overlay ordinances. The PB clarified that the Conservation Commission shall be notified of any application for a Conditional Use Permit in the Wetlands Conservation Overlay zone so that they have an opportunity to review the application and make recommendations prior to the hearing. The

board also clarified procedures regarding nonconforming lots and uses and the role of the Conservation Commission in these cases.

PB wants ECC to help organize a Conservation Conversation prior to the March 2026 vote about the Wetlands Overlay District proposal to encourage feedback and answer questions from the community. Paul and Dagmar have offered to help with the project.

6. FOSS MANAGEMENT – Dick, Paul and Tom Head cut brush and tree limbs along the stone wall in Brooks Pasture on Oct 18 to provide more sunlight for blueberry bushes that were producing less under tree shading.

Foss's donation box was broken into. The Sheriff, who told Selectmen that boxes on the Kancamagus were also broken into, offered to provide game cameras to monitor the box. Dick will speak to Brian Grady, who built Foss' donation box, to see if he has retrofitted any boxes to prevent such burglaries. Based on the theft of money from the donation box, and at least one recent incident of smashed car windows in the parking lot and theft of contents, ECC discussed placement of cameras and signage.

Blueberries – Emily and Marnie met to discuss 2026 harvest. Emily would like to come to an ECC meeting this winter to talk about her plans.

7. TOWN LAND MANAGEMENT – ECC discussed the use of salt versus sand along Route 153 – which is more harmful to the water bodies, and which will provide more assurance that vehicles and drivers are safe along the winding parts of 153 alongside waterbodies. Discussed research needed to find out more about Eaton's groundwater and future protection. Most towns have wetlands AND groundwater protection. Also discussed possible mitigation of direct drainage into Thurston Pond.

Steve obtained permission from the Herrera and Simonds families to post "No Trespassing" signs on the land adjacent to the official easement launch site at Conway Lake's South Cove. Steve will bring proposed signage for the official site to the next meeting. Selectmen are discussing possible enforcement of parking restrictions with the Sheriff.

8. FOREST MANAGEMENT – no issues

9. OTHER BUSINESS –

ECC discussed continued maintenance of the Town's NRI and the need to find someone to work with Dennis as a backup to learn what is involved. It will need to be someone with a technical background and possibly, someone on one of Eaton's Boards who would be able to learn about changes in land ownership and Town ordinances.

ECC Conservation Plan – It was agreed that Dagmar would complete a full draft of the ECC Conservation Plan. She will contact NHACC to clarify the format and focus of the plan. The draft will be distributed to the ECC via the Town Administrator and reviewed by the ECC at the December meeting.

ECC discussed fundraising future for Foss maintenance. The potential Grants list will be updated.

Meeting ended at 7:50 pm
Next meeting: December 8 at 6:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by Dagmar von Schwerin, Recording Secretary