

EATON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

March 9, 2026

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

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

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Land Conservation Fund	\$4,362.35	CD \$11,088.63	
Forest Management Fund	\$7,784.34	CD \$33,265.87	
Foss Mountain Fund	\$11,078.14	CD \$11,008.63	
Conservation Fund	\$13,782.34	CD \$20,076.78	
		CD \$10,038.39	
TOTALS	\$37,007.17	CD \$85,558.30	\$122,565.47
Donation boxes	\$1.00 from trail + \$0.00 from store		
Website Donation Income	\$0.00 (included in total)		

Treasurer's report was accepted.

4. **SELECTMEN'S REPORT** – Reviewed policies and prepared for Town Meeting and voting.

5. **PLANNING BOARD** – Worked on the Master Plan.

6. **FOSS MANAGEMENT** – Snowmobile tracks have been seen up on Foss running through the blueberry fields.

Discussed draft of "Friends of Foss" post for Eaton Ears. The goal is to find a volunteer who can help raise money from a wider community outside Eaton for the maintenance of Foss, as many people are coming to Foss from out of town. Dick will discuss draft with the Selectmen.

7. **TOWN LAND MANAGEMENT** – waiting on final 2024 / 2025 water quality data.

8. **FOREST MANAGEMENT** – no issues

9. OTHER BUSINESS –

ECC Conservation Plan – Any additional edits will be incorporated. Semi-final draft will be reviewed at the April meeting. Next steps will include a presentation to the Planning Board and posting of the final Plan on the Town of Eaton website.

NHACC is hosting a Zoom gathering on March 18 about State conservation funding sources. Dagmar will attend and report to the group.

9:30 – State Conservation Committee Conservation Grants (Moose Plates)

10:20 – NH DNCR Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)

11:00 – USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

11:40 – NHDES Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund (DWGTF)

12:20 – NHDES Aquatic Resource Mitigation Program (ARM)

1:00 NH Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP)

NHANRS Membership – ECC voted to renew membership as a Commission for \$35 / year. Paul will send information about resources available to the group.

Dick presented information about past Monthly task lists that will be added to future agendas

Discussed the origins, definitions and allowed use of money collected in ECC Funds:

Land Conservation Fund – established in 2002 and opened in 2010 - funded through Land Use Change tax – established for the purpose of land protection, land acquisition and establishment of easements.

Forest Management Fund – funded by forestry income and can only be used for forestry-related activities on Town Forest lands.

Foss Mountain Fund – established in 2023 when the ECC conducted a fundraiser for Foss Mtn trail maintenance. All funds gathered in this fund are to be used exclusively for Foss.

Conservation Fund – established in approximately 1978 “for the proper utilization and protection of the natural resources and for the protection of watershed resources of Eaton”. This could include water testing, invasive species work, NHACC dues and other memberships, research land and water areas, production of educational material related to water, invasive species etc.

Dick is in contact with Mary Thomas in Maine who has winnowers and parts that Dick will buy for our blueberry harvesting operation this summer.

Conservation Conversation recap – was well attended by new community members. Useful information was presented. Thank you also to GMCG for their participation.

Meeting ended at 7:00 pm
Next meeting: April 13 at 6:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by Dagmar von Schwerin, Recording Secretary