

# EATON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

October 14, 2024 FINAL

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

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

### 3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Land Conservation Fund	\$14,849.61	CD \$10,460.84	
Forest Management Fund	\$18,354.42	CD \$31,382.53	
Foss Mountain Fund	\$16,559.97		
Conservation Fund	\$13,487.99	CD \$10,460.84	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$115,556.20</b>	<b>CD \$52,304.21</b>	<b>\$167,860.41</b>
Donation boxes	\$128.25		
Website Donation Income	\$320.00		

Henney Fund asked ECC to review parameters of fund to meet their requirements

NHANRS annual dues of \$30.00 paid by Paul – reimburse out of Land Conservation Fund

Stubby estimates that a new water bar on Willis Bean Road will cost \$400. ECC approved the expense to be paid out of the Forest Management Fund.

*Treasurer's report was accepted.*

4. **SELECTMEN'S REPORT** – working on Building Permits for various projects

5. **PLANNING BOARD** – PB met on 9/18/24 and revised questionnaire. Survey will be sent to residents and property owners in October, to be completed by mid-November. October meeting will focus on zoning amendments.

6. **FOSS MANAGEMENT** – Chris O'Brien, Prescribed Fire Coordinator for the Forest Protection Bureau, said training burns will start in fall of 2025 and again in 2026 and 2027. Will meet in November to discuss best timing.

Ted Kendziora of USFW is working towards funding a spring burn and has been informed that we are looking to burn only Brooks Pasture and the north side of the trail. Horizon Forestry is cutting Foss today and tomorrow.

Trail maintenance day scheduled for Sunday Oct 20 9:00 am. Will also work on Willis Bean Road if there is time and check bear dog signs are still up as bear dog trucks have been seen.

Dick bought a winnower and will rebuild it over the winter. Having a winnower on hand may attract pickers to Foss – if not Dick will sell it after fixing it up.

Discussed more regular update of Foss Mountain website – first edit will be to highlight a specific donation of \$300 made in honor of Samuel Howe, who particularly loved Foss.

**7. TOWN LAND MANAGEMENT** – Development of the ECC Conservation Plan will be the ECC's project for winter months. Dennis provided previous work and resources.

**8. FOREST MANAGEMENT** – Dan Stepanauskas and Paul will walk town lines on 10/22. Dennis provided a summary of what needs to be repainted and painted. Whale's Back needs to be surveyed. Paint around Henney property is in good shape.

**9. WATER MANAGEMENT** – Dick Fortin will submit a written inquiry to NHDOT to request a low salt zone along 153. This starts the process formally.

Cliff Cabral has agreed to plan another Crystal Lake dive to check for invasives in Spring 2025.

Three locations on Crystal Lake were tested for E.Coli – all came back within acceptable limits.

#### **10. OTHER BUSINESS –**

Steve is continuing to investigate prior work done around the Prescriptive Easement at the South end of Conway Lake. Some of this has been undertaken by the CLCA.

The Town of Porter, ME passed the moratorium on landfill development

The NHACC internship program is on hold, hopefully to be offered again next year.

NHACC annual meeting is being held on November 2 at Pembroke Academy in NH.

GMCG sent an invitation to attend a gathering of other local CC's on Friday Nov 15 at noon. Meeting at the Blue Heron House at 236 Huntress Bridge Rd. Effingham.

Waukeela beach knotweed is dead. Dick has seen Emerald Ash borer on several of his trees.

Discussed possibility of holding monthly work sessions in order to make progress on issues brought up at meetings – keeping meetings more concise and separate time to focus on topics.

Next meeting: November 11, 2024 at 6 pm

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm

Respectfully submitted by Dagmar von Schwerin, Recording Secretary