

# EATON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

September 9, 2024

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

2. **ADMINISTRATION** – Minutes of the August 12 meeting were accepted.

### 3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Land Conservation Fund	\$13,980.81	CD \$10,423.15	
Forest Management Fund	\$18,330.44	CD \$31,269.45	
Foss Mountain Fund	\$16,283.99		
Conservation Fund	\$14,136.23	CD \$10,423.15	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$60,771.47</b>	<b>CD \$52,115.75</b>	<b>\$112,887.22</b>
Donation boxes	\$0		
Website Donation Income	\$0		

Renewed CDs for 10 more months at 4.5%

*Treasurer's report was accepted.*

4. **SELECTMEN'S REPORT** – would like Paul to meet with them as the new Chair of ECC. Discussed possible hiring of an NHACC Intern asking ECC to clarify legal parameters of NHACC stipend payment process. Also discussed the Grove at Crystal Lake which looks in reasonably good shape but showing evidence of new direct access points, potentially affecting water quality. Replanting along the shore can help. Need to clarify whether management / monitoring is the responsibility of the Selectmen or ECC.

5. **PLANNING BOARD** – Met on August 21 to review input received by ECC and Select Board. Working on new MP and questionnaire, planning to complete questionnaire by next meeting.

6. **FOSS MANAGEMENT** – Paul has not heard back about training burn and Horizon has not confirmed their dates. Dick is investigating purchase of blueberry winnower(s) – seller would need to know by December 2024.

The Foss trail is in good shape – Dick will check again after rain. ECC will organize a crew in October to retrieve material and reshape water bars, adding one more water bar by upper kiosk. Dick refreshed the blazes at the summit.

7. **TOWN LAND MANAGEMENT** – no issues

8. **FOREST MANAGEMENT** – Dan Stepanauskas and Paul will walk town lines in Sept or Oct.

**9. WATER MANAGEMENT** – Discussed conversations with DES about various ways of creating a low salt zone along 153 and Brownfield Road by the Shepard River. Contacts: David Gray, Lisa Marks, and Nancy Spaulding of NHDOT.

ECC edited draft of a letter that asks local commercial boat rental groups not to use the Potter Road access point to Conway Lake. Steve will help clarify language regarding grandfathered uses. Final letter will be sent out from Paul as Chair of ECC.

## **10. OTHER BUSINESS –**

Discussed potential hiring of intern to be funded with a stipend from NHACC. CLCA and Chocorua Lake Assoc. may want to share an intern. Steve will find out how funding works to determine whether we might be able to put this in place for this fall. Paul and Steve will work on the application and send to Lianne to forward to ECC for review. Potential projects for this year and next include monitoring for invasives on town lakes, blueberry picking and field restoration, and forestry initiatives with Dan Stepanauskas and ECC. Application due October 11.

ECC will schedule Cliff Cabral for an invasives check for Crystal Lake for next year.

NHANRS (Assoc. Natural Resource Scientists) recommends signing up Oct 1 to start new membership on their cycle.

Town of Brownfield voted to put gravel / refuse pit development plan at the end of Willis Bean Road in moratorium to give their planning board time to put together a response.

Dick talked to Stubby about adding a water bar after the bridge on Willis Bean Road and will get an estimate. ECC will schedule water bar cleaning sessions for Willis Bean Road after rains at the same time as Foss Mountain clean up.

Next meeting: October 14, 2024 at 6 pm

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm

Respectfully submitted by Dagmar von Schwerin, Recording Secretary