OFFICIAL MINUTES:
Eliot Conservation Commission
Eliot, Maine 03903
OFFICIAL MINUTES: Business Meeting

DATE: March 4, 2015
APPROVED: April 1, 2015

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Wendy Rawson, Clerk

OFFICERS:
Chairman: Kimberly Richards
Vice chairman: Glenn Crilley
Secretary: Claudette Moran
Treasurer: CJ Cogswell

Meeting was called to order at 7:00PM at Town Hall

In attendance: Glenn Crilley, Jeff Duncan , Kim Richards, Claudette Moran, Ernie Bruneau, Orland McPherson, Valerie Nardone, CJ Cogswell, and alternate member: Connie Weeks. Jack Murphy (BOS)

Absent: none

Guest: none

FINANCIAL REPORT: no changes

PAST MINUTES: accepted as amended for February 4, 2015.

WALKING TRAILS: What to do with the maps was discussed. Considerations are: put in pdf file, put on facebook and webpage via Wendy. It was decided that Valerie will scan and include a link to Great Works website where the maps are found and likely will be a more current map overtime.

The maps will allow people to know that they exist, that they can see them and it gives a public face to the ECC. It will also inform people as to when, where, what is available during each season (when known) for each area. A rating identifying if it is an easy, medium or hard difficulty of passage will be included (if known) as well as whether it is dog friendly, stroller accessible, etc. to help people better determine the appropriateness of the walking trail for them.
CJ will contact the conservation committees of the contiguous towns to see if they are interested in collaborating on this.

PUNKINTOWN: The attorney's findings did not seem to be different from his report of several years ago. To date the deed and an original survey have not been located in the town files. Kim will check with Wendy Rocci regarding a survey at the time of purchase. There was talk of again contacting and talking with the homeowners in that area.

First: the legal aspect regarding the road issue must be resolved.

Second: CJ will get some clarification through a title surveyor regarding our search for the original information.

GROWTH ORDINANCE: The meeting of the Planning Board was well attended by the townspeople and was an interesting meeting.

XNG: Apparently they have not obtained the proper licensing regarding emission. Kim will take that information to the Town Manager. The DEP notices to an Eliot resident concerned about this is attached to these minutes.

DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS: An application is expected in April regarding an "over 55" family homes to be built on 88 acres near the center of town.
Connie moved that CJ should invite Al Libby to come and talk to us about the property. The motion was seconded and all were in favor.
We would need to publicize any meeting with Al Libby that might be outside of the usual ECC meeting schedule. It was also mentioned that Jennifer Fox should be invited to discuss other possibilities for the land.

OLD BUSINESS:
At the MEACC Board of Directors meeting they decided to divide the state into different areas and each director would work with the town conservation commissions in their areas and obtain support from them and offering the MEACC resources.

Complaints that were made orally to Kim before our February meeting have not been followed up with a written letter expressing their explicit complaints.

ROUND TABLE:
Yardscaping Week March 11, 12 at the Kittery Community Center, Multiple Purpose Room from 6:30-8:00PM

Bobbi Beavers Maine DOT workplans includes thre rare species connectivity on route 236.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, April 1, 2015 at 7:00PM at Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Claudette C. Moran
Secretary, ECC

cc: Eliot town clerk
Commission Members
Commission File

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KimberlyAnne Richards <kimberly.a.richards@maine.edu>

Re: Schiller update and gas depot issue

1 message

Glen Brand <glen.brand@sierraclub.org> Thu, Feb 26, 2015 at 3:01 PM
To: Laura <unionfarm144@comcast.net>
Cc: KimberlyAnne Richards <kimberly.a.richards@maine.edu>

I think asking Bobbie to call Rick Perkins would be more effective than me calling! Kim: would you be willing to ask her?

On Thu, Feb 26, 2015 at 9:20 AM, Laura <unionfarm144@comcast.net> wrote:

Hello Kim and Glen,
Kim, has the EPA given any timeline on their monitoring and decision-making with respect to Schiller.
I find this situation with the Air Quality Bureau to be a clear example of how state and federal agencies do not work well together.
While xng was busy getting permits from the EPA to destroy wetlands and from the Wildlife people too to carry on, they never mentioned to xng
that another permit was required from the Air Quality people. Imagine how many communities don't realize these depots must license if they have
a high storage and, therefore, emissions, capacity!
Layra

From: "KimberlyAnne Richards" <kimberly.a.richards@maine.edu>
To: "Laura" <unionfarm144@comcast.net>
Cc: "Glen Brand" <glen.brand@sierraclub.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 25, 2015 8:35:11 PM
Subject: Re: Schiller update and gas depot issue

Hi Laura and Glen,
Yes, I am keeping up on any developments involving Schiller with the Sierra Club folks. Rest assured, Laura, I will not let the issue be ignored. As soon as there are any concrete developments, I will let folks know.
As for XNG, I had no idea about the issue you're describing. Please keep me posted, Glen, if you are able to get through to Rick Perkins. I will give Bobbi Beavers a call and see what she has to say about this. I find it quite disturbing, to say the least.
-Kim

On Feb 25, 2015 1:09 PM, "Laura" <unionfarm144@comcast.net> wrote:

Hello Glen and Kim,

No one, except Bobbi Beavers, knows about the emissions issues at the XNG depot. The town didn't even inquire about the issue during their meetings and xng went forward with fulfilling their many other required permits or licenses.
I called the Air Quality Dept in Portland last year out of curiosity after the XNG depot was built and operating. Rick Perkins, the man at Air Quality, said the town and/or xng should have been inspected, set up for monitoring and then licensing from the State Air Quality Dept before they started operations. Perkins called the president of xng in Boston and asked her about the capacity (storage) of natural gas at the site and he said that at 60,000 gallons, it was well above the benchmark for licensing and monitoring emissions.
He then said he planned on visiting the site and starting the process of identifying all emissions areas at the site, asking them to take measurements every day and then getting licensed. I was quite surprised and happy to hear that he would do this....and then -- nothing has happened. I called him in January and he apologized, saying he had to shelve the visit because he had other more pressing projects. (with LePage in full advance on the environment, I'm not surprised). I get the feeling he is swamped. In the meantime, who knows what the emissions are at the XNG depot in Eliot? The town is clueless about it and I find it useless to even contact them.
Cheers,
Laura Pope

From: "Glen Brand" <glen.brand@sierraclub.org>
To: "Laura" <unionfarm144@comcast.net>
Cc: "Kim Richards" <kimberly.a.richards@maine.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, February 25, 2015 12:22:07 PM
Subject: Schiller update and gas depot issue

Laura,

We're still waiting on EPA to make a decision on Eliot's clean air act petition. EPA installed a new air monitor closer to Eliot and they are collecting data. In the meantime, we are working in the NH regulatory system to clean up the plant via permitting. I'll be sure to let you and other Eliot clean air activists when there's news.

I wasn't aware of the gas depot. This is troubling.

Kim: what do you know about this?

Thanks,
Glen

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: **Laura** <unionfarm144@comcast.net>
Date: Wed, Feb 25, 2015 at 11:17 AM

Subject: Glen Brand
To: maine.chapter@sierraclub.org

Hello Glen,
Wondering what's happening with the Schiller Plant stalemate?
Also, I contacted the Maine Division of Air Quality last year about the newly installed XNG Natural Gas Depot on Route 236 in Eliot...
and the person there, Rick Perkins, was alarmed that the depot had not gotten licensed by his agency regarding air quality and emissions since
they have a 60,000 gallon capacity at their site. he promised to visit the site and make the XNG people go through a licensing process, and track
every source of emissions and measure those emissions daily....but a year has passed and Rick said he's had to shelve his visit and licensing process
with them because he is buried with work...is there any way to put this site higher on their list?
Am so upset at living on a historic farm north of Schiller and quite close to a natural gas depot and pipeline!
So much for clean air!
Cheers,
Laura Pope
Eliot, Maine

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