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

DATE: November 5, 2014
APPROVED: December 3, 2014

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Wendy Rawski
Town 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: Jeff Duncan , Kim Richards, Claudette Moran, Ernie Bruneau, Orland McPherson, CJ Cogswell and alternate member: Connie Weeks, Jack Murphy

Absent: Glenn Crilley, Valerie Nardone

Guest: none

FINANCIAL REPORT: no changes

PAST MINUTES: accepted as amended for October 1, 2014

The secretary requested that those who took the minutes for July, August and September (in Claudette's absence) please make the corrections and submit one copy to town hall and another to Claudette Moran for the ECC files or, submit electronically to Claudette and she will bring them to Town Hall.

ELECTION DAY: Kim reported a steady flow of people during the day. Ernie tended the table for a while. Kim said many liked the information fliers on the invasive species and suggested we continue to distribute these at town functions when appropriate.

Kim also suggested having a notebook handy anytime the ECC mans a table so that we can record any comments by townspeople as well as have a record of who commented in order to respond appropriately to them.

Some concerns she heard were regarding Dead Duck erosion of the land (due to river/water tides). It was suggested that perhaps a fence should be established to prevent anyone falling over (personal safety). Kim will contact Heather (Director of Community Services) and notify her of the concern heard by townspeople. There was mention of a walking trail there as well that had been worked on a few years back by a resident. This would be a good project for an Eagle Scout or Girl Scout groups who might be interested in helping out.

Another concern was to identify dog friendly walking trails. Mention was made of creating a list of trails in Eliot and nearby towns: Eliot: Douglass Woods; Dead Duck, Johnson Farm (need permission); So. Berwick: Savage Farm (no dogs permitted); Vaughn Woods; Kittery: Kittery Town Forest; Eliot/Kittery: Rustlewood.

disposal of inert materials that are not allowed to be dumped in Massachusetts (e.g. asbestos).

PUNKINTOWN WALK TRAIL: Valerie Nardone used her phone app while others took pictures of places and locations with the GPS coordinates. Tad Baker was supposed to send the pictures but has yet to do so. Connie Weeks will call him.

WALKING TRAILS PAMPHLET: The committee is looking at where there is permitted public access: Punkintown (limited), Douglas Woods, Great Works has some maps for the Douglas Woods and Savage properties. Gateway to Southern Maine has lots of information on trails and maintains a website that adds town information to its list.

OPEN SPACE ORDINANCE REVIEW: Discussion continues on open space options regarding cluster housing scenarios.

Jeff explained how a property may be considered for open space planning. Connie suggested that wetlands not be allowed to be used as building lot area.

This topic is an ongoing conversation for the committee.

DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS: There are no projects currently before the Planning Board. The Planning Board is reviewing revisions to the Growth Management Ordinance. Last month the Town voted not to allow any changes or revisions at this time. The 2015 formula allows 18 growth permits for the year.

PAST MINUTES REQUEST: There is a request for those who took minutes in July (with the corrections to the June minutes), August and September to submit the corrected copies to the secretary who was absent for those meeting dates. The copies need to be turned in at Town Hall for the official record of our meetings.

OLD BUSINESS: Is there a perennial stream on Main Street by Spinney Creek near Cove Road? A resident who says he is familiar with perennial streams believes it is one. No one seems to know the resident's name. Glenn will check using his knowledge about perennial stream.

ROUND TABLE: Connie requested clarification regarding the letter she and Glenn will formulate.
Did Jack Murphy see Town Manager Dana Lee regarding the property dispute at the end of Punkintown Road?

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Claudette C. Moran
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Secretary, ECC

cc: Eliot town clerk
Commission Members
Commission File