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

DATE: December 3, 2014
APPROVED: January 7, 2015

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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: Glenn Crilley, Jeff Duncan , Kim Richards, Claudette Moran, Ernie Bruneau, Orland McPherson, Valerie Nardone and alternate member: Connie Weeks

Absent: CJ Cogswell, Jack Murphy

Guest: Jennifer Fox, Dana Lee- Town Manager

FINANCIAL REPORT: no information regarding finances due to treasurer's absence.

PAST MINUTES: accepted as amended for November 5, 2014

GUEST- DANA LEE: Town Manager, Dana Lee, attended to learn the history of current issues surrounding the town forests. Discussion centered around sending a letter to the Board of Selectmen (BOS) establishing and enforcing the Town's legal rights. Also discussed was what would be the best and least expensive way to resolve the issues.

Connie and Glenn will work on a letter to be sent to the BOS.

Past minutes should be reviewed to get information on timetable of events, as well as reviewing Kim Richards' notes. The leash law needs to be reviewed as well. Also discussed were the possibility of ATV use and open fires. At this time both received a negative response from the committee.

The consideration of an easement was again brought up whereby the Town relinquishes the development rights but continues to own and maintain the trails, etc. on the properties.

Jennifer Fox will check with Great Works and obtain an opinion regarding ATV use, horse paths, etc.

GREAT HILL GRAVEL: The committee acknowledges that the Town needs to be more actively involved in the Great Hill Gravel issues. As far as this committee knows the consent agreement was never signed and the reclamation plan continues to allow the

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 Plani\ning Board. The Planning Board is reviewing its third revision 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
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