

OFFICIAL MINUTES:**Eliot Conservation Commission****Eliot, Maine 03903****OFFICIAL MINUTES: Business Meeting****DATE: MARCH 6, 2014****APPROVED: April 2, 2014****OFFICERS:****Chairman:****Vice chairman: Glenn Crilley****Secretary: Claudette Moran****Treasurer: Jeff Duncan**

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Wendy Rauski
Town Clerk

Meeting was called to order at 7:10PM at Town Hall

In attendance: Glenn Crilley, Connie Weeks, Ernie Bruneau, Kim Richards, Orland McPherson, and Claudette Moran

Absent: Jeff Duncan, Jack Murphy, Tim Straz,

Guest: Tad Baker

The meeting opened with Tad Baker, archaeologist from York, Maine. Tad discussed 2 ways that we could consider regarding preserving Punkintown historical areas. One was through an archaeological easement. You need a warrant article to do so and it takes away development rights.

Another way (and the one he suggests) is to protect the site by monitoring it through regular walk throughs. It was suggested that maybe members of the Eliot Historical Society would be interested in doing some of these walk throughs. He said that the presence of responsible people becomes apparent and is a good way to protect the area. The logical first step would be monthly inspections where the monitors would check and reference any recent disturbances.

We thanked Tad for his insights and perspective regarding this historical site. Connie will contact Tad in May.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The treasurer was absent and there was no report submitted.

PAST MINUTES: Minutes for the January 15, 2014 meeting were accepted as amended. Since there was no meeting of the ECC in February, there are no minutes for February.

JOHNSON LANE TOWN FOREST: Ernie met with Dana Lee, town manager, and confirmed that Dan Blanchette had sent out notices before retiring regarding the properties abutting the town owned section of this forest. He said that all the proper steps are proceeding and the town will take over the property on January 29, 2015 unless someone comes forward before then.

TOWN INSURANCE ON PROPERTIES: Dana Lee also expressed concern to Ernie about all town owned property as to its liability regarding any injuries on the property. He will look into whether or not the town has insurance.

FRIENDS OF YORK RIVER: Angus King has signed on for the Wild and Scenic designation of the area. It has been approved by the house for the second time.

DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS: There was no report as Jeff was absent.

OLD BUSINESS: Ernie mentioned the article in the *Weekly Sentinel* regarding shore and harbor planning grants. It identified Eliot and Kittery among six municipalities that will receive a combined \$35,200. Eliot has been awarded \$15,200 for developing a plan to improve access to the Piscataqua River in two different locations: Park Street and Pleasant Street. According to the article the town will develop a plan to improve public access for both properties using a landscape architect, an engineer, and through the solicitation of substantial public feedback. The article states that each grantee will provide a minimum of 25 percent in matching funds or services.

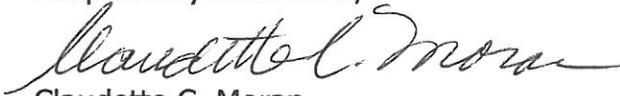
Ernie looked into the dragonfly issues. It can be done in the Spring or Fall. A minimum of 50 boxes needs to be purchased. With so little time to gather names and volunteers for distribution, the topic will be discussed at a later date.

ROUND TABLE: Kim offered to set up a Facebook page for the ECC. She will check with the town if it is okay as it would not be an official town page. She will report back next month.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, April 2 , 2014 at 7:00PM at town hall.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM

Respectfully submitted,



Claudette C. Moran
Secretary, ECC

cc: Eliot town clerk
Commission Members
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