

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

**DATE: March 7, 2012**  
**APPROVED: April 4, 2012**

**OFFICERS:**  
**Chairman:**  
**Vice chairman: Glenn Crilley**  
**Secretary: Claudette Moran**  
**Treasurer: Jeff Duncan**

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

In attendance: Glenn Crilley, , Connie Weeks, Jeff Duncan , Steve Towne, Claudette Moran, Tim Straz, , alternate member Ernest Bruneau and BOS liaison Jack Murphy

Absent: Ken Wood,

Guest:

FINANCIAL REPORT: No changes

PAST MINUTES: February minutes were accepted as amended

JOHNSON FARM: Connie and Jennifer will meet with Dan Blanchette to discuss the manners in which the land is protected according to the comp plan containing wording for preservation of land.

WARRANT ARTICLE: TOWN LAND BANK FUNDS: A warrant article will be written so that the town will decide if the Board of Selectmen can release funds for preservation of land. The wording needs to allow for future easement allowances. There is greater purchasing power with matching funds.

WARRANT ARTICLE: REPLENISH LAND BANK FUNDS: a warrant article will request that \$12,500 be transferred to the Land Bank to replenish the funds used for the easement rights to the Johnson Farm property.

GREAT HILL: Chris Schoppmeyer from NOAA had contacted Glenn and others since our last meeting.

JOHNSON LAND TOWN FOREST: Ernie is in contact with Dan Blanchette on a bi-weekly basis regarding the progress Dan is making on the properties.

**BEGINNING WITH HABITAT:** The March meeting was well attended. Jennifer Fox, Steve Walker and Tin Smith all spoke on different aspects. Jennifer on farm and open space plan, Steve on BWH work on the valuable flora and fauna in Eliot and Tin on the economic value of clear air, clean water with an emphasis on the Land Trust working with land owners. He also mentioned the rarity of species and that both development and preservation are possible.

There is a film on the farms on Goodwin Road that is shown in Kittery to promote the Johnson Farm. It might be good to show it in Eliot. Connie iterated that it would be a good opportunity to inform the public regarding the Johnson Farm.

**OPEN SPACE-HEATH:** Al Libby will contact Christine Poirier , wildlife biologist, who is interested in trying again to study the flora and fauna of the Heath.

**PROJECT REVIEWS:** No new projects

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Eastern Trails: new guide out, they are starting work in Wells (grant writing). Eliot is not a member of Eastern Trails. Dues are \$5,000. Eliot is the only town around not paying dues. Membership allows for attendance at management district level meetings. North Berwick does not pay. A lot of the Eastern Trails work is through matched funds. It was suggested that Eastern Trails should consider putting up a kiosk where the new bridge is going up to make their presence and value more noticeable to the public. One mile of trails cost about \$2-3 million. They are trying to re-route a more southerly trail from Portland.

Friends of York River: It is progressing.

**ROUND TABLE:**

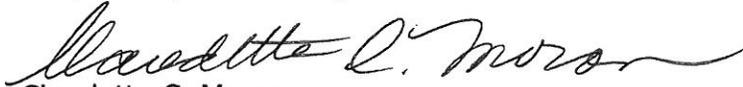
Steve: The EPA has issued new rules effective Feb 16, 2012 relative to Storm Water permitting in Maine. The new rules effect the Stormwater discharges from Construction Activities known as the 2012 Construction General Permit (CGP) and apply to all projects that will disturb one or more acres of land and to smaller projects that are part of a phased larger plan of development. A Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) must be prepared and updated as construction progresses, a project specific "Stormwater Team" must be formed, and site inspections for erosion control and SWPPP compliance monitoring must be performed and documented.

Because developer construction compliance with the SWPPP and CGP could affect drainage and site design aspects of the project after Eliot Planning Board project approvals are issued, **it should be a responsibility of the Planning Board to include as a condition of Town approval of any development projects to provide the Eliot Code Officer with copies of the SWPPP, all project construction reports, and all correspondence and design changes relative to Maine/EPA CGP compliance.**

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, April 4, 2012 at 7:00PM at town hall.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Claudette C. Moran". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Claudette C. Moran  
Secretary, ECC

cc: Eliot town clerk  
Commission Members  
Commission File