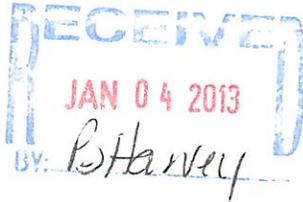


**OFFICIAL MINUTES:**  
**Eliot Conservation Commission**  
**Eliot, Maine 03903**  
**OFFICIAL MINUTES: Business Meeting**

**DATE October 3, 2012**  
**APPROVED: November 7, 2012**



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

Meeting was called to order at 7:12PM at Town Hall

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

Absent: none

Guest: Mark Pechenik, Portsmouth Herald.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Dues were paid to the GWRLT. No other expenses were noted to date. Connie will call Marcel about the MACC fees (Maine Association of Conservation Commissions).

**PAST MINUTES:** The September 5, 2012 minutes were accepted as amended

**JOHNSON FARM:** The Johnson Farm was featured in a film shown at Marshwood Middle School. It was well received by a crowd of about 300 people. Peter Randall's move shows historical photos mixed in with interviews with many people in Eliot.

Mr. Cashmere mentioned that he plans to put his land in conservation easement.

Saturday the GWRLT gathering at Grange hall showed the Johnson Farm portion of the film to those who attended their presentation. They need to raise 25 thousand dollars towards the Johnson Farm property. Paul Goranson will match up to \$12,500. Richard and Beth Johnson attended the event.

**GREAT HILL:** There is no update from Jennifer regarding this nor any information on the town website.

**JOHNSON LANE TOWN FOREST:** There is a piece of property that the owner/estate is apparently interested in selling to the town. Ernie will contact Dan Blanchette to clarify what our next step should be (when and how to discuss cost, survey costs, etc.)

**FRIENDS OF YORK RIVER:** No further information since our last meeting.

**DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS:** There are no new projects or information about on-going projects. There is a new restaurant opening on route 236 where Pawsitive Steps used to be.

**PLANNING BOARD and SETBACKS:** The PB is reviewing re-assessment of setbacks that the state is now allowing towns to alter them (or leave as is). After much discussion considering the protection needed of wetlands the value of these lands with regard to protection to wildlife and seasonal rhythms of the land as well as natural buffers, the ECC decided to recommend to the PB that they leave the setbacks as is. The ECC will send a letter to the PB outlining its position and include an IF& W flyer as well as contacting GWRLT for more specific information. Glenn will contact GWRLT and Southern Maine Regional Planning Commission Group.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Rails to Trails: Tim was not able to attend the meeting. He did mention that they had had the biggest ride to date.

**ROUND TABLE:**

Jim Tessier arrived towards the end of the meeting and added that he was interested in Johnson Lane conversation but was here as a member of the Recycling Committee and that he would like to come to one of our meetings to brief us on the Re-cycling efforts and changes.

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, November 7, 2012 at 7:00PM at town hall.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Claudette C. Moran  
Secretary, ECC

cc: Eliot town clerk  
Commission Members  
Commission File