

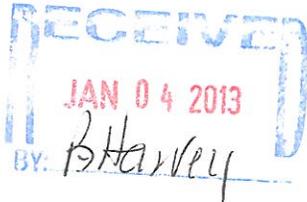
OFFICIAL MINUTES:

**Eliot Conservation Commission
Eliot, Maine 03903**

OFFICIAL MINUTES: Business Meeting

DATE November 7;,2012

APPROVED: December 5, 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 , Claudette Moran, and Ernest Bruneau

Absent: Tim Straz, and John Murphy,BOS liaison

Guest:

PAST MINUTES: Minutes for October meeting were approved as amended.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Nothing new.Jeff handed out copies of the October financials.

PORTSMOUTH HERALD: Mark Pechenik of the Portsmouth Herald who attended our October meeting as a guest did a report in the newspaper.

MEACC: The dues are due for MACC 2012. The ECC approved the expenditure of \$195.00 to the Maine Association of Conservation Commissions.

JOHNSON FARM: No news to report.

JOHNSON LANE TOWN FOREST: Nothing has been finalized regarding the property contiguous to the land. Connie and Glenn met with Deb Berthiaume who is looking to sell the property to the town. Discussions included price and survey costs.

LETTER TO PLANNING BOARD: Glenn and Connie will complete the letter to the Planning Board before November 20 Planning Board meeting. Glenn will send a rough draft to the ECC to review before sending.

GREAT HILL: Tim reported that there are many trucks going into and out of Great Hill with some truck removing materials from Great Hill. He called Jennifer Fox regarding this on-going issue.

AWARD: MEACC received an Award of Recognition from the Maine Chapter of The Wildlife Society for Excellence in Wildlife Stewardship Through Science and Education.

Because Eliot is one of the 78 Conservation Commissions that are active in Maine in many conservation efforts, the town received the award. A copy will be sent to the BOS.

SOLID WASTE : There is a meeting of the Solid Waste Committee to work on reducing waste. The presentation will be to the BOS at 5:30PM on Thursday, November 8,2012.

DEVELOPMENT PLANS: Nothing new.

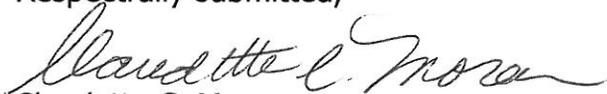
OLD BUSINESS: None to report on.

ROUND TABLE: A reminder that there is a showing of the movie on Farming 101 regarding the Johnson Farm at Connie's house Saturday.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, December 5, 2012 at 7:00PM at town hall.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Claudette C. Moran".

Claudette C. Moran
Secretary, ECC

cc: Eliot town clerk
Commission Members
Commission File

**Eliot Conservation Commission
Fiscal 2012 Budget
03 October 2012**

Budget Item	Approved Budget Amount ⁽¹⁾	Debit		Credit		Remaining
		Year to Date	Current	Year to Date	Current	
Conferences, Workshops and Travel	\$600	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$600.00
Printing, Speakers, Community Outreach	\$500	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$500.00
Dues and Subscriptions	\$1,000	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$0.00		\$850.00
Postage, Copying, and Supplies	\$100	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$100.00
Town Forest Management Expenses	\$2,000	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$2,000.00
Annual Contribution to Johnson Lane Maintenance	\$100	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$100.00
Open Space Planning	\$300	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$300.00
TOTAL	\$4,600.00	\$150.00		\$0.00		\$4,450.00

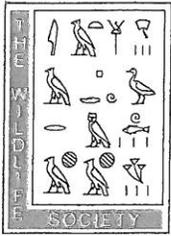
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Above budget was approved at Town Meeting

Respectfully Submitted



Jeffrey Duncan, P.E.
Treasurer



Maine Chapter of The Wildlife Society

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2012 Award of Recognition

Presented to the Maine Association of Conservation Commissions
and Municipal Conservation Commissions

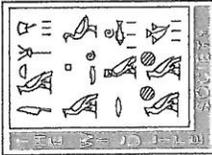
May 10, 2012

The Maine Chapter of The Wildlife Society's **Award of Recognition** is presented to individuals, groups, organizations, businesses, or industries that have made significant contributions to wildlife management or conservation in Maine.

Currently 78 Conservation Commissions are active in towns across Maine – from Kittery to Lamoine, from the coast to the western mountains. As appointed bodies serving under elected officials, **Municipal Conservation Commissions** play a key role as advisory boards and advocates for environmental concerns and natural resource protection at the local level. Always challenged by too few staff, competing priorities, and a lack of funding, town leaders depend heavily on dedicated citizen volunteers to form the Conservation Commissions and provide leadership and technical expertise on behalf of the community's conservation goals. Typical functions include: developing an Open Space Plan; implementing conservation strategies identified in the town's Comprehensive Plan; inventorying and mapping natural resources of significance; advising the Planning Board on land-use ordinances and development proposals; and applying for grants to help fund local conservation projects. Conservation Commissions also build trails and promote public access, work to control invasive species, conduct outreach programs for schools, educate citizens about local environmental issues and locally significant resources, advise landowners on habitat management and stewardship options, manage town conservation lands, and partner with local land trusts to conduct habitat acquisition projects. In other words, Conservation Commissions work tirelessly to protect the future of their town's natural resources and special wild places, and to make Maine communities attractive places for us to live, work, and raise our families.

The **Maine Association of Conservation Commissions** is a voluntary, non-profit organization whose mission is to build the capacity of Conservation Commissions to work effectively in their communities, and to expand the number of Maine towns with active Conservation Commissions. Their foundational belief is that wise management and conservation of Maine's natural resources must occur, in large part, at the local level. The Association is an advocate for the role of Conservation Commissions and gives their members a voice at the state level. They facilitate communication and networking among Commissions statewide; sponsor workshops and events on relevant topics and special initiatives such as Open Space Planning and Invasive Species Control; serve as an information clearing house for outreach materials, best practices, funding sources, model ordinances and open space plans, and strategies to build community support; showcase the achievements of local Conservation Commissions; and serve an invaluable role as technical experts and advisors to volunteer Commissioners trying to navigate the complex web of town politics, conservation priorities, and limited resources.

Therefore, with great pleasure and sincere appreciation for the tremendous contributions they make to the conservation of Maine's natural resources, open space, and quality of place, the **Maine Chapter of The Wildlife Society** recognizes the **Maine Association of Conservation Commissions and Municipal Conservation Commissions** with our 2012 **Award of Recognition**. Congratulations!



Maine Chapter of The Wildlife Society

Excellence In Wildlife Stewardship Through Science and Education

Award of Recognition

Presented to

Eliot Conservation Commission

In recognition of the tremendous contribution the Maine Association of Conservation Commissions and Municipal Conservation Commissions make to the conservation of Maine's natural resources, open space, and quality of place. The efforts of hundreds of hardworking and dedicated volunteers in communities across Maine are the foundation of conservation at a local scale and play an essential role in ensuring the future of Maine's natural heritage.



[Signature]

President, Maine Chapter

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Chair, Awards Committee

May 10, 2012

Date