

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

DATE: June 2, 2021

OFFICERS:

Chair: Kari Moore

Vice Chair: Vacant

Secretary: Lynn Bubley

Treasurer: Alice Lynch

THIS MEETING WAS HELD VIRTUALLY ONLINE. THE CALL-IN INFORMATION FOR THE PUBLIC WAS PROVIDED BY the Town PRIOR TO THE START OF THE MEETING.

1. 6:30 PM Call to Order and Roll Call via Remote Access:

The meeting was called to order with roll call at 6:35pm by Kari Moore.

In attendance: Kari Moore (Chair), Alice Lynch (Treasurer), Lisa Wise (Member), Peter Egelston (Member), Carol Castellon (Alternate), Lynn Bubley (Secretary), Tomas Dundzila (Public), Melissa Albert (Administrative Assistant- Town of Eliot)

Absent: Cyndy Camp (Member), Doug Warrender (Alternate)

2. Public Input

No public input at this meeting

3. Review and approve past minutes:

Reviewed May draft meeting minutes: minor edits were made. Lisa Wise made a motion to approve the minutes as amended; Kari Moore seconded the motion; minutes were accepted unanimously with edits. Kari will submit amended notes for posting.

4. Financial Report/ Budget

a. \$100 check that was gifted to the Conservation Commission has come through.

b. Carol Castellon has not received reimbursement for the grabbers that she purchased for Eliot Clean Up Day. The check was due to come through May 6, 2021. Alice will investigate this.

5. Project Development/ Permit Review

a. 16 Arc Rd- Kari Moore and Peter Egelston participated in the site visit. This will be an addition to an existing building. Kari reports that the site is heavily disturbed. Planning Board met on June 1, 2021, to discuss this parcel. There is a proposed road that will go through wetlands and Conservation Commission questioned whether the road could be shifted to avoid the wetlands. We have not heard any follow up from this question.

b. 286 Harold Dow Highway- This is a developed lot next to York Woods. We have asked that native plants be used in the re-development of this parcel. The Planning Board will meet on June 15, 2021, regarding this land.

c. Storm water meeting- The Town of Eliot is slated to hold special meetings in June regarding storm water. Kari states she has seen no agenda items and will reach out to Jeff Brubaker.

d. Town Meeting- Funding for the towns Comprehensive Plan and Open Space plan will be items at this year's Town Meeting.

6. Education/ Outreach

a. Eliot Festival Days- Kari Moore will reach out to Bill Burroughs for more information about the festival.

b. Invasive Species Update- Alice Lynch is willing to pull together information on invasive species dumping. Several towns in Maine have language about the dumping of invasive species. Peter Egelston asks if the town offers alternative dumping sites. We may need to anticipate any unintended consequences that could happen. Perhaps we could learn from other towns. Tom Dundzila offers to assist Alice in pulling together a fact sheet on "creeping buttercup." Regarding the temporary yellow street markers that are used after a road is paved but before it is painted, we will contact the interim town manager to see if they must be used.

c. Other- Lisa Wise asks if we could refresh our map supply that is used for outreach. There is money in the budget to purchase maps or laminate maps. Money needs to be spent prior to the end of the fiscal year. Lynn participated in the "Beginning with Habitat" online webinar.

7. **Round Table-** Discussion was had on the lamination of maps. Kari will bring laminated invasive species cards to the next scheduled meeting. The Commission unanimously is in favor of spending down our budgeting money for laminated maps. Lisa will reach out to Infinite Imaging for information. Melissa reports that she is not longer able to support Zoom meetings going forward. It was discussed and decided that we would move to in person meetings starting July 7. Carol would be willing to coordinate another town wide clean up in the Fall. She will work on mastering the Litterati app to be used during the cleanup. Peter Egleston's term ends 7/ 2021. He will send in his application to continue on the Commission. Doug Warrender's term ends 7/2021. At our upcoming meeting in July, we will vote for officers. Tom ask's where we are on the Town Forest plan. Kari states it should go on as an agenda item. We have resources for forest management through Great Works Land Trust. We will need to talk to the Town Manager. Town Forest Plan and Open Space Plan will need to go on the agenda for August.

8. Peter Egelston makes a motion to adjourn the meeting, Alice Lynch 2nd's the motion. The meeting is adjourned at 7:39 PM

9. Next scheduled meeting is Wednesday July 7, 2021, at 6:30 PM.

83 Respectfully submitted,
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86 Secretary
87 CC: Eliot Town Clerk, Commission Members, Commission File
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