

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

DATE: August 4, 2021

OFFICERS:

Chair: Kari Moore

Vice Chair: Vacant

Secretary: Lynn Bubley

Treasurer: Alice Lynch

THIS MEETING WAS HELD IN PERSON.

1. 6:45 PM Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order with roll call at 6:45pm by Kari Moore.

In attendance: Kari Moore (Chair), Lisa Wise (Member), Peter Egelston (Member), Lynn Bubley (Secretary), Cyndy Camp (Member)

Absent: Doug Warrender (Alternate), Alice Lynch (Treasurer), Carol Castellan (Member), Tomas Dundzila (Public)

2. Public Input

No public input at this meeting

3. Review and approve past minutes:

Reviewed July draft meeting minutes: Minor edits made. Peter Egelston made a motion to approve the minutes as amended; Cyndy Camp seconded the motion; Minutes were accepted unanimously with edits. Kari will submit amended notes for posting.

4. Financial Report/ Budget

No budget report at this meeting

5. Project Development/ Permit Review

a. Solar Array Odiorne Lane- This is a 60-acre parcel in which 15 acres (downsized from 19 acres) will be developed with solar panels. Solar panels will now be turning instead of fixed. The grass travel ways will remain the same. The area will need to be fenced in for security and fencing will extend down to within 6" of the ground to allow for animal movement. Site review was brought before the Town Meeting on August 3, 2021. The Planning Board has not approved the site review plan. There continue to be concerns regarding water runoff to waterfowl wading areas and vernal pools. Planning Board would like to see the swales on the plans. The plan did not get approved and there will be a site visit on 8/23/21 with a special meeting on 8/24/21. Additional posts will need to be placed to support panels. How will these poles be installed? Pre- application to the DEP has been

42 sent. We are hoping to be contacted when the DEP permit information comes back to the town. The
43 information will be posted for the town to comment on. If approved and the town has concerns, the
44 town can send a letter to the DEP voicing their concerns. This parcel is part of the York River
45 Headwaters Focus Area, an area of the York River Area Ecological concern. Kari asked to see the
46 wetland report. This was not provided. Peter asked a question about the % of wetland acreage in the
47 town of Eliot and what % of that was this project. Kari states is it tough to determine this as
48 composition of land is constantly shifting. We could access the National wetland Inventory or the
49 Habitat map. There is a 250' buffer area of non-disturbance around a vernal pool. Some other issues
50 brought up at the meeting were- Logging truck impact (developer stated they would log when the
51 ground was frozen to minimize ground impact, Noise impact, Snow Storage Area and Storm Water-
52 these falls under Chapter 500 which applies to any project that disturbs one acre or more of land area and
53 requires a stormwater permit. Lisa Wise suggests writing up our concerns for the Planning Board. Mike
54 Sudac is the project engineer and can brief us at an upcoming meeting.

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56 b. Storm Water Ordinance- This was on the town's ballot and approved in June 2021. If there is a
57 mandated system, the system will need to be managed and certified every year if in an urbanized
58 area. A change happened in June that changed town wide to urbanized and along the river, 1 acre or
59 greater. Non urbanized requirements are 5 acres or greater and every 5 years certification.

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61 c. If we want to receive emails from the planning board we need to reach out to Wendie, Melissa, or
62 Kearstan to be added to the distribution list.

63 64 65 **6. Education/ Outreach**

66 a. Invasive Species- Neither Alice or Tom were present tonight. No information discussed.

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68 b. Eliot Festival Days- Saturday September 25, 2021. Conservation Commission would like a booth.
69 **Lynn will get in touch with Bill Bowman or Cindy Waters for application.** It was decided with a
70 unanimous vote that the Conservation Commission would spend up to \$75 for the booth space.

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72 c. Possible date for a beach clean up sometime in October. **Lisa will reach out to Jen from Blue Ocean**
73 **Society.**

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75 d. Town Forest Management- Peter heard back from Jill Crosby from Great Works Land Trust. Both
76 GW and the Town of Eliot are interested in connecting trails.

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78 e. Land for Maine's Future- Kari informs us that this is a state land bank and have monies to be
79 released for towns to focus on land management.

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81 f. Kari was contacted by Bob Eggers, a GW board member. There is a collaboration between GW and
82 the Kittery Land Trust to purchase 87 acres of property adjacent to Rustlewood. There are 30 acres

that are in Eliot and he was looking for a letter of support from the town of Eliot to support this conservation. Kari will put together a letter.

7. Election of Board Members-

President- Kari Moore nominated, unanimously voted on, accepted position

Vice President- Lisa Wise nominated, unanimously voted on, accepted position

Secretary- Peter Egelston nominated, unanimously voted on, accepted position

Treasurer- Lynn Bublely nominated, unanimously voted on, accepted position

Alice Lynch has terminated her position on the Conservation Commission

Meeting is adjourned at 8:40 PM

Next scheduled meeting is Wednesday September 1, 2021, at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Bublely

Secretary

CC: Eliot Town Clerk, Commission Members, Commission File