

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

**DATE: August 3, 2022**

**OFFICERS:**

**Chair: Kari Moore**

**Vice Chair: Lisa Wise**

**Secretary: Peter Egelston**

**Treasurer: Lynn Bubley**

THIS MEETING WAS HELD IN PERSON AND VIA ZOOM.

**1. 6:31 PM Call to Order and Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order with roll call at 6:31 pm by Kari Moore.

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

Kari Moore announced that Carol Castellan, has resigned from the commission.

**2. Review and approve past minutes:**

As there was no ECC meeting in July, there were no minutes to review.

**3. Commission election**

Kari Moore is nominated to remain Chair; Lisa Wise is nominated to remain Vice-chair; Lynn Bubley is nominated to remain Treasurer; Peter Egelston is nominated to remain Secretary. All voted in favor of these nominations.

**4. Financial:**

No financial report

**5. Project Development/Permit Review/Planning Studies**

Some discussion took place pertaining to the status of two pump stations that are part of the sewer development on Route 236. The status is presently unknown but it is anticipated that the impact on neighboring wetlands will be minimal.

The 711 Main Street plan. Kari is not sure what happened at the last Planning Board meeting. More will probably be forthcoming later.

Regarding the Climate Resiliency Partnership, a meeting was held earlier this afternoon with representatives of the Town and the Community including Representative Michelle Meyer, and

representatives from the Bahai Community, Kari and Lisa from the Eliot Conservation Commission, the Aging in Place Commission and the Great Works Regional Land Trust. Kari reports that there was some good discussion and brainstorming and stated that from the ECC's perspective, more education needs to be done regarding climate change and what the town is doing to prepare for its impact.

There will be two phases to the work of this partnership: internal workshopping, such as took place at today's meeting, and getting information out into the community.

There is an opportunity to perform studies, supported by a grant program out of the Southern Maine Regional Planning and Development Commission. Lisa suggested that it would be great to have help with workshopping in the fall. Kari remarked that this would be a good thing to cover in future ECC meetings and to promote at the ECC's table on Eliot Festival Day.

Peter raised the topic of shoreland mitigation and wondered if existing regulations pertaining to the installation of rip rap might be having unintended consequences, namely disincentivizing landowners from taking measures to address erosion.

Kari gave an update on the Comprehensive Plan and noted that work had slowed down as a result of the Town's summer meeting schedule.

Kari also provided an update on proposed amendments to ordinances that were on the June ballot and will be on the November ballot as well. The sediment and erosion control ordinance follow DEP standards. Kari would like to see language regarding native plants and the use of seed-free hay to prevent the establishment of invasive species.

Language is proposed for the Solar Ordinance that allows solar developments on brownfield or previously developed sites, addresses buffer and screening requirements and speaks to matters of statewide ecological significance. Kari suggested that there should be language added pertaining to maintenance of required buffers.

A public hearing will be scheduled for these ordinance amendments. Kari mentioned that there was mention of a joint meeting with the ECC and the Planning Board, but was not sure that was going to happen, due to the fullness of the Planning Board's plate.

## **6. Education and Outreach**

Eliot Festival Day is September 24, which is also National Public Lands Day. It was suggested that the theme for the ECC's table should be Public Education, to raise the public's awareness of the public land resources in Eliot.

It was suggested that outreach would be done with the Eliot Connects group.

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**7. Round Table**

Cyndy updated the group on the Eliot Summit meetings she had attended. These meetings covered a diverse range of topics including aging in place, housing needs, the Dennett Road developments in Kittery, marijuana businesses, bike lanes, and responsible stewardship of our community. and volunteered to provide minutes.

Peter raised the topic of the Dennett Road development and some discussion took place regarding the complexity of the issues pertaining to projects like that facing the community in Kittery, and possibly, in the future, in Eliot as well.

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday September 7, at 6:30 PM.

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at 7:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Egelston  
Secretary  
CC: Eliot Town Clerk, Commission Members, Commission File