

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

**DATE: September 7, 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. 6:30 PM Call to Order and Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order with roll call at 6:30 pm by Kari Moore.

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

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

Minutes from the 8/3/22 meeting reviewed and approved, with minor edits.

**3. Financial:**

No financial report. The coming year's budget is expected to be what the Commission asked for, with the exception of the \$15,000 request for the land bank, making it largely the same as this year's.

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

- The first development plan that was looked at was the Clover Farm subdivision. Some discussion took place regarding lot size requirements in different districts in Eliot, and how much land in this particular project would be left undeveloped. Kari suggested that this is the kind of thing that is generally covered at Planning Board meetings.

As this project is in the shoreland zone, the required setbacks were discussed, as well as existing conditions. None of the construction will encroach on the setback. No wetlands or protected species are on the property. Which vegetation is to be cleared and which is to remain, stormwater management, maintenance of planted areas, and maximum lot coverage, were discussed.

- The second project was for daycare in a home. No conservation concerns were identified.

- Kari did not have an update on the Climate Resiliency Partnership. Lisa said she had met earlier that day with Jeff Brubaker and Abbie Sherwin from the Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission, compiling their notes from an earlier meeting that took place a month previous. Abbie

is working on a handout that can be distributed at Eliot Festival Day which will contain information about climate change impacts on Eliot and information about the project and ways to participate. The next step will be planning a Community Workshop to take place on October 25 or 26 to solicit priority projects or actions. Jeff B. was going to reach out to Robert Sapiro from Green Acres to see if the workshop could take place there. Anyone in the community will be able to participate in this. Jeff has started to post information about this on the town's website.

Kari spoke with Jeff B. about a project at Dead Duck, in response to the rapid erosion that is taking place there. There is potential for partnership with other organizations.

Some discussion took place regarding informational resources relevant to this topic, for example, the York River Climate Change flyer (which will be appended to these minutes).

- Update on the Comprehensive Plan: committees are being assembled that will meet quarterly. Volunteers are being sought to sit on these committees.

## **5. Education and Outreach**

- Staffing the ECC's booth at Eliot Festival Day was set, and the printed material to be presented in the booth, including a new brochure about hiking in Eliot, was determined.

Focus for this year's booth will be the town's public lands and soliciting input on the public's priorities for the use of public lands.

- Kari asked if the focus of this year's Fall Cleanup should be Dead Duck. October 22 or 23 were discussed as possible dates. The time will be determined by the tide, which peaks at 9:45 am on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Some discussion took place regarding the MEACC conference which takes place on the 22<sup>nd</sup> in Brunswick, potentially a conflict with the Fall Cleanup.

It was decided to schedule the Cleanup on the 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00 am.

## **6. Round Table**

- Lisa updated the group on an updated version of the New Hampshire Coastal Watershed Plan, put together by the Nature Conservancy, which covers parts of southern Maine, including Eliot. She showed the updated map, which is part of this plan, and pointed out its salient features. She suggested that this material could be incorporated into work done on the Comprehensive Plan.

- Kari mentioned the State's poster advertising obsolete pesticide disposal and an upcoming workshop on regional food scrap diversion.

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The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday October 5, at 6:30 PM.

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Egelston

Secretary

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