OFFICIAL MINUTES:

**Eliot Conservation Commission** 

Eliot, Maine 03903

OFFICIAL MINUTES: Business Meeting

DATE: March 2, 2016

APPROVED:

FINAL

**OFFICERS:** 

Chairman: Kimberly Richards Vice chairman: Glenn Crilley Secretary: Valerie Nardone

Treasurer: vacant



The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM at Eliot Town Hall

### In attendance:

Kim Richards, Jeff Duncan, Jack Murphy (BOS), Valerie Nardone and Orland McPherson, Glenn Crilley and alternate member: Connie Weeks.

#### Absent:

## FINANCIAL REPORT:

No update.

### **PAST MINUTES:**

Past minutes for Dec and Feb were reviewed.

## Public Input:

No public participants attended the meeting.

## **Annual Town Report:**

Discussed this year's activities for inclusion in the Annual Town Report.

# Comp Plan Review Board Report:

Tasks in the Comp Plan related to the ECC have been reviewed.

# **Guest Speakers & Lecturers on Conservation Issues:**

ECC contacted Peter Randall, the producer of the movie "Farming 101", as part of an Eliot Lecture Series for April. The Bee Movie may be screened in July. The Center for Wildlife may bring animals to Eliot Festival Days in September. The Grange costs \$100 (\$25 of which is a security deposit). A motion was granted to set aside \$300 for renting the Grange Hall.

The York River Wild and Scenic Study Committee has a new coordinator, Jennifer Hunter, who may coordinate with the ECC for public outreach.

#### Old Business:

# Farmland Workshop:

GWRLT and Maine Farmland Trust will be holding a Farmland Workshop on Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Grange Hall. The ECC helped with publicity.

# **School Water Testing Project:**

ECC has not heard back from the Middle School.

#### **Johnson Lane Town Forest:**

There are several parcels of land on Johnson lane that are unowned or have back taxes outstanding. The ECC is investigating the status of the public notices which are necessary for the town to take ownership.

# **IF&W Access Road:**

The IF&W wants to pave and build an access road into Punkintown from behind Brixham Dance Works. The ECC contacted Eric Hoar to discuss the project. The ECC plans to visit the property in the Spring.

# **Mounting Habitat Maps:**

Mounting the maps would be \$45 each, to mount and laminate them would be \$60 each.

### **DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS:**

A yoga school is being proposed on Beech Rd.

#### Round Table:

Federal Fish and Wildlife has an effort to connect brush land for habitat for the protection of New England Cotton Tail Rabbits.

## **Next Meeting:**

Wednesday, April 6, 2016 at 7:00PM at Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Nardone Secretary, ECC

cc: Eliot town clerk Commission Members Commission File