

OFFICIAL MINUTES:

**Eliot Conservation Commission
Eliot, Maine 03903**

DATE: April 5, 2017

APPROVED: May 3, 2017

OFFICIAL MINUTES: Business Meeting

OFFICERS:

Chairman: Kimberly Richards

Vice chairman: Glenn Crilley

Secretary: vacant

Treasurer: vacant

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BY: Wendy Rawski,
Town Clerk

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

In attendance:

Kimberly Richards, Glenn Crilley. Alternate: Connie Weeks. Guest: Liz Davis.

No quorum present.

Absent:

Orland McPherson, Andrew Laforge.

Past Minutes:

Minutes were held off for review as there was no quorum.

Financial report:

Kim has an invoice that she is submitting for reimbursement for printing supplies in the amount of \$160.98. The printing supplies are for materials for the Goodwin Farm project and seeking support for our land bank as well as regular printing needs.

ECC has received a letter from the Maine Association of Conservation Commissions asking us to renew our membership. The amount for renewal is \$150.00. The request will be set aside by ECC until we have a quorum to vote on the expenditure.

Commission Officer Postions

Kim reminded the group that the positions of Secretary and Treasurer are still vacant. She also pointed out that her term of Chair is coming up for renewal this year. She will renew her position as Chair unless someone else would like to take the position, in which case, the Commission will decide as a group.

Public input:

No public input.

45 **Citizens Option Meeting recap**

46 Kim and Connie attended the Citizens Option Meeting held on April 3, 2017. There were
47 not enough residents in attendance when the meeting commenced at 7:00. Therefore,
48 there was no Citizens Option Meeting, but a Citizens Hearing on the budget items. As a
49 result, the Conservation Commission could not request a Citizens Option for \$40,000 to
50 replenish the Land Bank for the expected upcoming expenditures. At this time, there is
51 no amount of money going into the land bank from the town budget.

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53 **Campaign to support Town Land Bank:**

54 At the Citizens Option Hearing Kim asked attendees to contact the Conservation
55 Commission with any ideas or leads for fundraising, grants, and other means of funding
56 the land bank.

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58 Rosanne Adams and Bob Fisher sent Kim some information on Kennebunk Savings
59 Bank's giving program. There is a general application and information requested for
60 local projects seeking funding. Kim will begin pulling together the requested materials to
61 submit a request for funds for the land bank. Once the materials are pulled together,
62 she will bring them to the next Commission meeting for approval before submitting
63 them.

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65 Connie said that we need to have a couple of members attend a Garden Club meeting
66 and ask for their support for our land bank campaign and the Goodwin Farm project,
67 much like we had done earlier this year with the Historical Society. Connie is going to
68 find out if we can get on their agenda for an upcoming meeting where she and Kim can
69 make the request for the group's support.

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71 **Goodwin Farm project:**

72 Kim had created a 2-sided handout that tells about the importance of landbanks and
73 open spaces. It was handed out at the Citizens Option Hearing. She intends to use
74 some of the information from this as well as specifics on the Goodwin Farm project to
75 create a new flier that will be distributed around town to garner support for the Goodwin
76 Farm project. The Commission may decide to have the flier inserted into The Sentinel
77 closer to voting day. Kim will contact Jennifer Fox to see about getting a photo or two for
78 the flier or to arrange a visit to the property for the purposes of getting photos.

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80 **Development projects review:**

81 Although it is beyond the deadline for a requested response, the Commission reviewed
82 a project application submitted by Jacquelyn Nooney Landscaping on Route 236. The
83 Commission could not find any obvious concerns about the application, and although
84 the deadline for a response has passed, Kim will submit a response for the application
85 file.

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87 **Old business:**

88 Nothing to discuss at this time.

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90 **Round table:**

91 Information for the Conservation Commission was received from Maine Coast Heritage
92 Trust about the annual Maine Land Conservation Conference. The conference provides
93 several workshops that any interest commission member can attend.

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95 Information was also received about Maine's Sustainable Forestry Initiative. The
96 information will be put online on the Commission's Facebook page, the Town's website,
97 and made available at the Town Hall.

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99 **Next meeting:**

100 Wednesday May 3, 2017 at 7:00PM at the Eliot Town Hall.

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102 Meeting adjourned at 7:48PM.

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104 Respectfully submitted,

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106 Kimberly Richards

107 Chair, ECC

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109 Cc: Eliot Town Clerk, Commission Members, Commission File

