

1 **OFFICIAL MINUTES: Business Meeting**

DATE: March 4, 2020

2 **Eliot Conservation Commission**

3 **Eliot, Maine 03903**

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5 **OFFICERS:**

6 **Chair: Kari Moore**

7 **Vice Chair:**

8 **Secretary: Lisa Wise**

9 **Treasurer: Lisa Wise**

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11 **1. Call:**

12 The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Kari Moore. In attendance: Kari Moore
13 (Chair), Alice Lynch (Member), Christina Karas (Member), Lynn Bublely (Member, acting
14 secretary), Tom Dundzilla(Public)

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

17 Meeting minutes from February 2020 were reviewed and accepted unanimously at this
18 time.

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20 **3. Public Input:** Tom reports that there is a movie at the Kittery Community Center titled
21 Claws and Tales- Lobstering in Kittery and Kittery Point. Tom also spoke with Sarah
22 Hooper, from the Schoodic Institute, who is an educational specialist, with a focus on
23 the "outdoor classroom."

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25 **4. Financial Report/ Budget:**

26 Kari has not heard back yet from the town on the proposed budget for the Conservation
27 Commission. Kari will get in touch with Dana regarding money request. No monies have
28 been spent this month. There is money available for education.

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30 **5. Project Development/ Permit Review:**

31 There are no new projects to review currently.

32 ● 100 Harold Dow Highway- Planning Board meeting held last night.

33 ● 787 Main Street subdivision- nothing discussed

34 ● Shiloh Farm- will be discussed at the April meeting

35 ● 4-acre parcel- taxes not being paid. Should this land be taken as conservation
36 land? Dana did not want us to accept the land as conservation. Not sure it is
37 worth us taking it on. The town will own if no one pays taxes. Alice asks if there

38 could be a vernal pool on site, and then someone buys for development. Christina
39 will get in touch with Dana to query access to the land
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42 **6. Open Space:**

43 Open space behind the elementary school. Kari and Alice to meet with Bill Olsen and
44 Shelley Bishop (code enforcement officer) and a planner who was unable to attend due
45 to snow. This has been rescheduled to March 19, 2020. Bill talked to someone in Kittery
46 looking for feedback on this open space. We need to draft out our section (natural
47 resources, conservation) in this plan. Planner would write the final ordinance. More to
48 come. Kari would like us all to look at the Open Space Plan for Eliot.
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50 **7. Education/ Outreach:**

51 ● Brown Tail Moth, Emerald Ash Borer, and ED (?)- Notice has been put out about
52 Brown Tail Moth. Forest Service sent a notice from their Mid-coast Maine issue. Physical
53 contact with this moth causes a rash. Report them on-line if you see them. Survey to get
54 posted on the Town Website and the Conservation Commission page. Kari will follow up
55 with Wendie Rawski. Last week was National Invasive Species Awareness week. 5/16-23
56 will be the second part the week. We could plan some sort of outreach. Alice will
57 contact the person she knows to do an invasive species talk. Invasive species “blitz” for
58 May. Please come with ideas. The Great Works Land Trust has a person “Sue” who does
59 work with invasive species. Earth Day, Christina will organize an event. South Berwick
60 will be doing something with GWLT. We need to start outreach 3-4 weeks prior.
61 Christina will contact DPW and the Police Dept to check on their availability. Where will
62 we do this and perhaps different committees in town might want to partner with us.
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64 **8. Vernal Pool Study:**

65 3/28- This class will be posted to Facebook and the Town Website. Michelle and Jayne
66 Meyer have volunteered their land for study purposes. The back update will be 4/7/20
67 in case of snow. Ian Trefry- DOD Amphibian and Reptile researcher, will lead the class.
68 Kari has money to buy buckets, nets, and other supplies. Kari will print out and supply
69 the data sheets. This class will take several hours.
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71 **9. Round Table-:**

72 In the month of May Christina will be attending an EMT training class that will be held
73 on Wednesdays.

74 **Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday April 1, 2020 at 6:30 PM**

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10. Meeting is adjourned at 7:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Bublely
Acting secretary
CC: Eliot Town Clerk, Commission Members, Commission File