

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

**DATE: May 6, 2020**

**OFFICERS:**

**Chair: Kari Moore**

**Vice Chair:**

**Secretary: Lisa Wise**

**Treasurer: Lisa Wise**

THIS MEETING WAS HELD VIRTUALLY ONLINE. THE CALL IN INFORMATION FOR THE PUBLIC WAS PROVIDED BY KARI MOORE PRIOR TO THE START OF THE MEETING.

**1. Call:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 PM by Kari Moore. In attendance: Kari Moore (Chair), Alice Lynch (Member), Christina Karas (Member), Lynn Bubley (Member, acting secretary), Lisa Wise (Secretary), Christina Goodwin, (Land Use Administrative Assistant.)

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

Meeting minutes from Mar 2020 were not reviewed at this time.

**3. Public Input:** There was no public present for input at this meeting.

**4. Financial Report/ Budget:**

No expenditures noted for the month. \$5000 continues to be the amount recommended in the Town budget for the land bank.

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

- Planning Board- 787 Main Street- Shoreland Zone application
  - Planning Board- 0 Main Street- Shoreland Zone application
- Public meeting is scheduled for May 19- Any comments regarding these 2 applications can be made at this meeting.
- Rt 236 Propane Tank project- no comments made by the Commission
  - Eliot 2020 Route 236 Corridor Study- town is seeking public input on this study

**6. Foreclosed property and watershed considerations:**

Continue to consider a parcel of land behind the Beech Rd. that has been foreclosed

upon (Map 22, Lot 4). Kari reached out to the Great Works Land Trust for their thoughts. The Great Creek watershed is an area of concern due to pressure from surrounding development. Last week the parcel was brought up at the Select Board meeting. The recommendation was to sell it. Discussion was had tonight about its value as conservation or open land. Christina Karas would like more information on this land. Lynn Bubley asked for clarification on what “concern” the GWLT had about this property. Kari informs us that this land is situated in a sensitive watershed and it appears from aerial maps that wetlands associated with the stream are located on a portion of this parcel. Town manager states we will need permission from the abutters to be able to visualize the land but we can inquire about access via the utility corridor. A vote was taken and was unanimous in recommending to the Town that the parcel remain as green space because of its location in the watershed. Kari Moore will send a memo to the Town Manager stating the Commission’s recommendation.

## **7. Education/ Outreach:**

- May 16, 2020 is Invasive Species week in Maine. This will be posted to the website. This will also be placed on FaceBook to promote local awareness. Alice Lynch reached out to a speaker for the Speaker Series, however this now being on hold due to social distancing. Litter is becoming more of a problem in Eliot.
- Discussion was had to have signage placed around town. A vote was taken unanimously to bring up a request to the Town Manager for signage in the Town of Eliot. This will be revisited at our June meeting.

## **8. Town Forest and Compatible Use:**

- York Pond Town Forest-Damage has been noted with the use of ATV’s on the trails. It is not clear if such activities are restricted on Town Lands. Do we need to investigate any restrictions of usage from the town? Lynn will contact Dana Lee, Town Manager and Shelley Bishop, CEO, regarding the land use requirements. This is a habitat issue. Lisa Wise states we need a clear statement as to what is and what is not allowed. Kari to be CC’d.
- Goodwin Farm Parcel- An email will need to be sent to the GWLT’s new steward asking about this parcel. This parcel is difficult to access, and it appears that the GWLT is making an attempt to build a trail for access. GWLT contacted Kari and they are planning some forest management activities on their parcel. Goodwin Farm is located adjacent to the Johnson Lane Town Forest. Kari recommended that the Commission members review the Forest Management Plan.

75        **9. Round Table-:**

76            Open Space- No comments from members or nonmembers. Subdivision ordinance has  
77            been put on the back burner.  
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79        **Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday June 3, 2020 at 6:30 PM**

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