

1 **OFFICIAL MINUTES:** **DATE: December 7, 2016**
2 **Eliot Conservation Commission** **APPROVED:**
3 **Eliot, Maine 03903**
4 **OFFICIAL MINUTES: Business Meeting** **DRAFT**

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7 **OFFICERS:**
8 **Chairman: Kimberly Richards**
9 **Vice chairman: Glenn Crilley**
10 **Secretary: vacant**
11 **Treasurer: vacant**
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14 The meeting was called to order at 7:05PM at the Eliot Town Hall.

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16 **In attendance:**

17 Kimberly Richards, Glenn Crilley. Guests: Jack Murphy, Jim Tessier.
18 There is no quorum.

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20 **Absent:**

21 Orland McPherson, Connie Weeks.

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23 **Past Minutes:**

24 Kim distributed to Glenn and Jack copies of past minutes from June, August,
25 September, October and November to take home and review.

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27 **Financial report:**

28 There were no changes to the finances.

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30 **Note:**

31 When Kim was checking the ECC mailboxes before tonight's meeting, she found the
32 filing cabinets unlocked and 4 or 5 of the drawers were open. Nothing inside appeared
33 to be missing or disrupted. None of the members in attendance of tonight's meeting had
34 any idea why the cabinets would have been opened.

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36 **Public input:**

37 Jim Tessier reminded the Conservation Commission that the Budget Committee would
38 be reviewing the annual budget requests that have been submitted and that we should
39 attend so that we may defend our budget request. Jim also wanted to discuss the
40 prospect of initiating a roadside clean-up program. He said that he would be willing to
41 reach out to the Public Works Director to see what they may be able to offer to the
42 program.

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44 **Johnson Lane Town Forest properties:**

The Town Manager has provided a letter that can be submitted to the appropriate property owners of land near the Johnson Lane Town Forest. The letter is an inquiry into whether the property owner(s) may be interested in releasing the property to the Town, whether by donation or sale, or whether they intend to keep the property. We need to determine which property owners are to receive a letter of inquiry and which ones require action taken by the Town because of delinquent taxes.

Goodwin Farm acquisition:

It was suggested to speak with the Town Manager and/or Wendy Rawski about possibly having some space at the Town Hall for an informational display. The display will help educate the public about the land and encourage them to vote in favor of spending money from the land bank to conserve it.

Development projects review:

It was suggested that we request to be cc'd on any agendas for Planning Board meetings.

No new information was brought before the Conservation Commission.

Old business:

Nothing to discuss at this time.

Round table:

Jack announced that the York River Wild & Scenic Study Committee will be attending the next Board of Selectmen meeting at 5:30 PM. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend to learn about the study.

Glenn brought in some information that Connie gathered about the costs of development to the Town compared with revenues from such a development. The figures will be looked over and it will be considered whether they can be used in any of our literature encouraging conservation over development.

Next meeting:

Wednesday January 4, 2017 at 7:00PM at the Eliot Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Richards
Chair, ECC

Cc: Eliot Town Clerk, Commission Members, Commission File