

1 **OFFICIAL MINUTES:** **DATE: January 4, 2017**
2 **Eliot Conservation Commission** **APPROVED: February 1, 2017**
3 **Eliot, Maine 03903**
4 **OFFICIAL MINUTES: Business Meeting**
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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 7:10PM at the Eliot Town Hall.
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16 **In attendance:**

17 Kimberly Richards, Glenn Crilley, Orland McPherson, Connie Weeks. Guests: Jack
18 Murphy, Michele Meyer, Rosanne Adams, Bob Fisher, Anna Boudreau.
19 Connie Weeks will be a voting member for the meeting.
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21 **Absent:**

22 None.
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24 **Past Minutes:**

25 There were no new minutes to review and approve.
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27 **Financial report:**

28 There were no changes to the finances.
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30 The Budget Committee and Board of Selectmen will be holding their joint meeting to
31 discuss requested budgets tomorrow evening, January 5th. Kim and Connie will attend
32 in order to defend and justify the Conservation Commission's budget request. They will
33 also ask Jim Tessier to provide an invoice to the Commission for the maintenance of
34 Johnson Lane.
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36 **Public input:**

37 Rosanne Adams brought to the attention of the Commission information that is available
38 about the Great Thicket National Refuge. She believes that this project may be helpful
39 for the Commission as we work toward conserving land in Eliot. There is information
40 available through links on the Town website. The Conservation Commission would like
41 to look further into the project and the information available to see what use it could
42 serve the Commission and who would be the point of contact for the project for any
43 questions or concerns that may arise. Connie said that she would be willing to help Kim
44 look over any maps and materials that are provided for the project.

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46 **Libbey Farm- Anna Boudreau request:**

47 Anna Boudreau is a professional grant writer who has been hired by the Gorranson's
48 (the owners of Libbey Farm). She is asking the Conservation Commission, on behalf of
49 the Gorranson's, for a currently undetermined amount of money to help recoup some of
50 the money that was invested into the purchase of the Libbey Farm property. The
51 requested amount will be considered matching funds as Ms. Boudreau moves forward
52 with a grant request from the federal Natural Resources Conservation Service. Ms.
53 Boudreau is also requesting a letter from the Commission stating its support of the
54 project and willingness to partially fund it, provided that the proposed spending passes a
55 vote by the Town in June of 2017. Kim offered to draft a letter and send it to Anna
56 Boudreau as soon as possible. All Commission members voted in favor of sending the
57 letter.

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59 **Development projects review:**

60 Questions arose about what the current setback requirements are to wetlands and
61 bodies of water in town. Kim will meet with Code Enforcement Officer, Heather Ross, to
62 determine these setbacks.

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64 No new information was brought before the Conservation Commission.

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66 **Old business:**

67 Nothing to discuss at this time.

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69 **Round table:**

70 It was brought up that the Town of Bangor used some of its TIF funds for open space
71 acquisition recently. It was suggested that perhaps this could be proposed as an
72 alternate use of the TIF funds in Eliot. How, exactly, Bangor utilized the funds will have
73 to be researched before such a proposal could be made for Eliot.

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75 **Next meeting:**

76 Wednesday February 1, 2017 at 7:00PM at the Eliot Town Hall.

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78 Meeting adjourned at 8:17PM.

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80 Respectfully submitted,

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82 Kimberly Richards
83 Chair, ECC

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