

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

**DATE: September 4, 2019**  
**APPROVED: October 9, 2019**

**OFFICERS:**

**Chair: Kari Moore**

**Vice Chair: Kimberly Richards**

**Secretary: Lisa Wise**

**Treasurer: Lisa Wise**

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2 The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM at the Eliot Town Hall.

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4 **In attendance:** Lisa Wise, Kari Moore; Jack Murphy (Select Board); *absent: Kimberly Richards*

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6 **Review and Approve Past Minutes:** Kari made a motion to accept the minutes from 8/7/19 as amended. Lisa  
7 seconded. All in favor. Lisa will revise and submit final minutes to post online.

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9 **Public Input:** Tom Dundzila; Bob Pohorenc (abutter of Little Brook Pond)

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11 **Financial Report:**

- 12 • Crowell Property – Jordan Miles sent receipt for purchase (\$18,600 from the land bank). Purchase went  
13 through at the end of July. Land bank is now at just under \$24,000.  
14 • Kari will submit receipt for the Eliot Festival Days booth.

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16 **Little Brook Pond:** Several abutters came to our last meeting expressing concern over the draining of Little Brook  
17 Pond. Kari followed up with the Town Manager, Lisa connected with the Code Enforcement Officer (Shelly) who  
18 did a site visit. Shelly contacted the DEP (Alison Sirois, chief enforcement officer for the southern portion) – Lucien  
19 (investigator) come out to the site in mid-August. Kari and Shelly have followed up with the DEP – no updates to  
20 report tonight, but Alison told Shelly she expects more information by the end of the week. Bob asked if the  
21 owners of the parcel with the dam on it have approached the ECC (they have not). Between ECC and Shelly  
22 contacting the DEP, hopefully we'll get more information soon. Bob asked about the town putting a water level  
23 order on a dam and whether that is something the committee would be interested in. Lisa suggested checking  
24 with the Planner about any other examples of this being done. The ownership questions probably need to be  
25 sorted out first. Bob asked if the land under a pond is public land. Kari responded that the stream itself would be  
26 waters of the state, but not sure about the created pond. The ownership/boundaries would need to be clarified.  
27 Kari suggested checking with the Code Enforcement Officer about that. Bob mentioned an elevation of 43' is in  
28 many of the drawings/deeds and suggested doing something to lock in an elevation to protect future  
29 homeowners so it's not a dispute in the future. Kari said it's something we could talk to the Planning Board about.  
30 ECC will keep in touch with the Code Enforcement Officer for any further updates.

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32 **Education/Outreach Initiatives:**

33 *Eliot Festival Days*

34 Kari will be there in the morning. Materials: Beginning with Habitat map, vernal pools sign-up, cleanup flyer. Need  
35 a map of conservation land in Eliot (easements AND town-owned land). Lisa: Put together a map. Kari will connect  
36 with Infinite Imagery.

37 *Fall Clean Up at Dead Duck with Blue Ocean Society 10/19 @10am*

- 38 • Lisa: Flyer, social media, newspaper; Kari: Outreach with the schools

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40 *Speaker Series (ECC sponsored events) – proposed topics*

- 41 • Kari: GWRLT for our November 6 meeting?

- 42 • Kari: Connect with Jeff Tash re: winter walk

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44 **Land Bank Acquisition (Crowell Property): Action Complete**

- 45 • Acquisition is officially complete for \$18,600 from the land bank; we have the deed paperwork and receipt

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47 **Town Conservation Areas: Forest Management**

48 Kari and Lisa met with Oliver Markewicz (York County District Forester) and Jim Tessier (abutter) to explore the  
49 Johnson Lane town forest parcels. Oliver had suggestions re: improving forest health and wildlife habitat. Property  
50 boundaries are not very clear – would be helpful to have an updated survey done. Jack said that Glenn (former  
51 ECC member) would know more and suggested gathering any information available from existing surveys. Oliver  
52 said if we hire a forester to do some management out there, they could do some surveying work. Need to  
53 schedule a separate working meeting focused on forest management.

- 54 • Kari: Reach out to GWRLT re: forest management (and any updates on their work on parking area/kiosk).

- 55 • Lisa: Overlay GPS points with the parcel map.

- 56 • Kari: Follow up with Oliver.

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58 **Project Development/Permit Review:** Nothing on the recent agendas.

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60 **Roundtable**

61 *Commission Members*

- 62 • Open Space Development discussion – Planning Board contacted the ECC re: the open space development  
63 section of the zoning ordinance; a resident raised concerns about the ordinance; Planning Board contacted us  
64 for input and invited us to a workshop on 10/1. Abbie Sherwin (interim planner) shared the resident’s  
65 comments and her memos to the Planning Board. ECC will attend the 10/1 workshop with the Planning Board.

- 66 • Kari: We need more members. Work on recruiting. We need assistance so we can do more.

- 67 • Kari: There’s a parents’ group working on an outdoor classroom at the elementary school.

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69 *Non-Commission Members*

- 70 • Tom: May be available to help with Eliot Festival Days. Will email Kari if he’s around.

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72 **Next Regular Business Meeting: October 9, 2019, 6:30pm [rescheduled due to Planning Board work session]**

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74 Lisa made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Kari seconded. All in favor. Adjourned at 7:30pm.

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76 Respectfully submitted,

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78 Lisa Wise

79 Secretary, ECC

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