

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

**DATE: April 3, 2019**  
**APPROVED: June 5, 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. Video appears to be up and running.

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4 **In attendance:** Lisa Wise, Kari Moore, Kimberly Richards

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6 **Review and Approve Past Minutes:** 3/13/19 – Clarify the last paragraph on page 1. Lisa made a motion to accept  
7 the draft minutes. Kim seconded. No discussion. All in favor. Lisa: Submit final minutes.

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9 **Public Input:** Tom Dundzila – Attended the Yardscaping Workshop. Great turnout. For speaker series, could  
10 consider the Native Fish Coalition. There aren't native brook trout here, but it still might be a topic of interest.  
11 Also highlighting the importance of cleaning off your boat, preventing spread of invasive species. Tom will provide  
12 contact information for that organization. Tom also sent an email about a cartographer contact, which we will  
13 keep in mind for future work.

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15 David Kelley (arrived around 6:50) – Connected with Lisa via Jen Kennedy (Blue Ocean Society), attended the Dead  
16 Duck cleanup event last year (and cleans up Dead Duck every day). Interested in collaborating on future cleanups.

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18 **Financial Report:**

- 19 • Lisa: Follow up to confirm Maine Association of Conservation Commissions (MEACC) membership.  
20 • Lisa attending the MEACC conference. Any costs? TBD.  
21 • Kari purchasing vernal pool supplies in the next week or two (field cards, booklets, copying). Estimate about  
22 \$200 (we have \$500 in the budget). Kim made a motion to approve the proposed expenditure on the vernal  
23 pool supplies. Lisa seconded. All in favor. Motion is approved. Kari will purchase and get Lisa the receipts.  
24 • Town meeting – June 11. Planning on having a table there. Discuss at next meeting.

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26 **Speaker Series:**

- 27 • Yardscaping Workshop – Robert Sapiro from Green Acres is interested in partnering with us. Possibly late  
28 summer? Prep for the fall. Lisa: Connect with Mary Wicklund. Kari: Follow up with Robert.  
29 • Emerald Ash Borer Workshop – Kari connected with Melissa Brandt from York County Soil and Water  
30 Conservation District. She is available on Monday evenings in April or Wednesdays in May. April 29 or into  
31 May? Kari follow up with Melissa to schedule.  
32 • Center for Wildlife – Natural Neighbors program. Katie Brodeur suggested May 15 or 16. 15 sounds like it  
33 would work better. Lisa: Follow up with Katie; check with the library re: animals. Kari made a motion to spend  
34 \$150 from our speaker series budget for the Natural Neighbors Program. Kim seconded. All in favor. Motion is  
35 approved.

- 36 • Vernal Pool Training – Kari talked to Christine Bennett. They are looking at the last week of April at the Wells  
37 Reserve to do the vernal pool monitoring workshop. Vernal pool n Ogunquit we can visit. We may need to  
38 have a separate meeting before our next regular meeting to focus on this project.  
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#### 40 **Earth Day/Spring Clean Up:**

- 41 • Kari connected with Recycling Committee, not interested at this time. Reached out to Joel from Department  
42 of Public Works, hasn't heard back yet. Earth Day is soon (and it's Easter weekend). Kim said she had heard  
43 lots of interest in this in the past – Kim will look into past notes. Kari said DPW will help pick up trash, we just  
44 have to let him know when and where.
- 45 • David walks at Dead Duck every day and there is always trash. Need to raise awareness. Is there a possibility  
46 of installing signs, maybe trash/recycling bins?
- 47 • Kim mentioned a North Berwick project – kayak launch – the town has put out bags for people to pick up  
48 trash when they're kayaking, leave it at the launch.
- 49 • Launch a litter awareness campaign around Earth Day (e.g., #trashtag campaign Lisa mentioned). Aim for a  
50 community cleanup event in May or June. David volunteered to help. Anything we do roadside would need to  
51 be coordinated with town and police department.
- 52 • See what's still in our budget – anything to support signage? Would need to check with DPW about trash  
53 cans/recycling.

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#### 55 **Trevor (Eagle Scout Project):**

- 56 • Cleaning up the trails, creating trail maps and signs, marking trails, maybe benches, help make it more clear  
57 that you are in the Eliot Town Forest, possibly help clean up downed trees
- 58 • GWRLT is working on a kiosk at a different access point, including a panel on Eliot
- 59 • ECC can go out to the town forest with Trevor; let us know how we can help! We can help support/publicize  
60 any community workdays/volunteer opportunities if needed
- 61 • Kari: Check on getting GPS points from GWRLT  
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#### 63 **Town Conservation Areas, Mapping and Hiking Trails, Great Works Land Trust:**

64 GWRLT is still working on the kiosk and parking area (off of Sam's Lane); working on some property boundary  
65 issues; hoping to get the draft of what the sign will look like by end of April for us to review. Sign will focus on the  
66 natural resources/ecological value and historic context of that area.  
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68 Forest Management: Lisa has connected with Oliver Markewicz, District Town Forester with Maine Forest Service,  
69 about meeting with us on site to provide guidance. Kari checked with Dana about this – he said Jim Tessier might  
70 be interested in joining; Kari will send Lisa Jim's contact info. Lisa is looking into the state's Recreational Trails  
71 Program grant opportunity (deadline 9/27). Lisa will bring application to next meeting.

#### 72 **Vernal Pool Citizen Science Project:**

- 73 • Kari shared map of potential vernal pools from the Mt. A to Sea project. Start exploring potential areas on the  
74 town forest/York Pond area, then can reach out to landowners to gauge interest.
- 75 • Kim suggested checking out the Punkintown binders at the library and *A View from Rosemary Hill* by Helen  
76 Goransson.
- 77 • Field trip to Punkintown Town Forest area to explore potential vernal pools – tentatively May 5; Kari will  
78 check with her contact Ian and confirm with us. All help advertise.
- 79 • GWRLT has a vernal pool hike coming up → Lisa will share on our Facebook page

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**Project Development/Permit Review:** Nothing new.

**Roundtable**

*1. Commission members*

- a. Kari talked to Jeff Tash (habitat coordinator for New England Cottontail). He surveyed the Eliot transfer station and found cottontails. He will come to our next meeting to discuss.
- b. Kim: Citizen raised concerns about dirt piles possibly encroaching on a wetland. Kim will follow up with more details (specific location/ownership?) – Kari can share with Dana/Joel.
- c. Kim: Look for Valerie’s contact info so Kari can follow up re: vernal pools project
- d. Kari: Interested parent at Eliot Elementary School wants to discuss opportunities with the trails behind the school. Possibly community project?

*2. Non-commission members (nothing to add)*

**Next meeting:** May 1, 6:30pm.

Kari made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Kim seconded. All in favor. Adjourned at 8:03pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Wise  
Secretary, ECC  
Cc: Eliot Town Clerk, Commission Members, Commission File