Orford Conservation Commission

DRAFT Minutes of Meeting on May 19, 2016

Commissioners Present: Harry Pease, Craig Putnam, Carl Cassel, Tom Bubolz, Carl Schmidt and Jeff MacQueen; Alternate Present: Emily Bryant; Guests: Nate Miller and Amber Boland from Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Harry requested Emily serve as a Commissioner for the vacant position.

Approve the Minutes of the April 21, 2016 Meeting: Carl Cassel moved that we approve the minutes, Tom seconded and the motion carried.

Natural Resources Inventory Update Discussion with Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission: Nate Miller, UVLSRPC Executive Director and Amber Boland, GIS Planner met with us to discuss updating the NRI. The Conservation Commission contracted with UVLSRPC in 2009 to help develop the original NRI. We reviewed each section of the NRI and made numerous suggestions for changes and updates. Nate and Amber will deliver a proposal for the update on/about the end of May. We agreed on a goal of publishing the update by July 2017.

Preparation for Participation in the Fairlee Forest Festival, July 2, 2016: The festival will run from 11:00 a.m. to late afternoon on July 2, 2016 at the Fairlee Town Common. Emily is working on a map of Orford showing hiking trails, boat launches and conserved land. Jeff is putting together a map and photos of the Orford Conservation Land. We will also have a display with map and photos of the Mason Pond conserved land. We will review the displays and develop a schedule for manning the booth at our June 16 meeting.

Advisory Visit in July to Billy Brown’s Barn and Shed by N.H. Barn Committee Members:  Carl Schmidt said the possible dates for the Committee’s Education & Outreach Task Force continue to be July 12 or 19, and that he wants to make certain that barn preservation professionals will be included. John Roe, UVLT Vice President, plans to take part in the advisory visit, as well as David Bischoff.

Celebration of Mason Pond Project:  Carl Schmidt reported that at the May 5 meeting of the organizing committee for Orford Day (Saturday, August 13), he had described the preliminary plans of UVLT and the Conservation Commission to celebrate the Mason Pond project’s completion by inviting all donors and supporters to the Quinttown site. For Orford Day planning purposes, he cited the tentative time as 2:00 p.m., which is to be confirmed together with UVLT’s plans to organize a hike to the conserved land from the summit of Stonehouse Mountain. The next meeting of the Orford Day Committee is scheduled for June 30.  David Bischoff has suggested that a small-scale plaque bearing the names of Billy Brown and others be placed at the Quinttown site. Ann Green has proposed creation of a MapQuest visit to the Mason Pond conserved land as a means of encouraging young people's interest in the area.

Laminated Map for the Orford Conservation Land: Jeff had the digital map prepared by UVLT printed and laminated by Gnomon Copy as previously authorized by the Commission. Jeff has installed the map at the kiosk. Craig moved that we reimburse Jeff out of the Conservation Fund for the $40.20 he paid Gnomon Copy for the map, Carl Cassel seconded, and all Commissioners voted in the affirmative with the exception of Jeff who abstained. Carl Schmidt’s offer to prepare a brief statement identifying Orford Conservation Land donors Gould and Hilda Richmond that could be added to the kiosk was agreed to by the Commissioners.

 Tom moved to adjourn, Carl Cassel seconded and the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Harry Pease