

Orford Conservation Commission (OCC) Meeting Minutes: June 20, 2019

Present: Board members: Ted Cooley (Chair), Craig Putnam, Tom Bubolz, Emily Bryant (alternate) Fran Plaisted(alternate), Carl Schmidt and Harry Pease

Emily Bryant was seated.

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM

Emily were seated as a Commissioner. Quorum achieved.

1. Minutes-Approved. Tom B motions accept minutes from 5/16/19 OCC meeting. Emily seconded. Motion Carried.

2. Jeff M. worked with Tom B. to learn the water sampling procedure. Harry also learned the procedure and will be the backup for Jeff. June Samples from Water- very low bacteria, possibly as a result of the heavy rainfall. State of NH will no longer be sampling at Indian Pond. As a result, the OCC agreed to sample the water there will be having swimming lessons. Jeff will sample Indian Pond on 7/19.

3. Ted motioned we add Upper and Lower Baker Pond at the town/ road access. Harry second. Motion carried.

4. Esther contacted OCC about doing non-complicated wetland permits. John is working at the request of Esther. We will obtain feedback from John when he is back regarding the workload etc. Table the decision on whether we take on this role until we obtain report from John Miller directly.

5. Indian Pond Project and Orfordville Rd. *John Miller comments provided via email: "I have spoken with Paul Goundrey and we noted that both the Orfordville Road Bog and Indian Pond culvert both fall under Wetland requirements from NH DES. This seems to mandate a pre-application meeting at minimum and would be classified at least a "minor" project with "Standard Review"*

6. Jacob Brook Status: *John Miller comments: "I have been in touch with The Nature Conservancy's New Hampshire Fresh Water Management representative, Dr. Charles DeCurtis and continue to be working on a site visit for Jacobs Brook watershed, specifically to examine extensive "armoring" usage during remediation of July 2017 flood event. (Will also attempt to include Brackett Brook)."*

7. Culvert Inventory-Craig motioned that the OCC draw funds from the Conservation Fund for the culvert inventory to be performed by the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission not to exceed \$10,000. Harry seconded. Discussion ensued. Motion Carried.

7. Invoices-Jeff provided invoices to Harry. Emily motioned we pay for mowing at the Richmond Land, Tom seconded. Motion carried.

8. Prep for meeting with selectboard. Reviewed report prepared by Ted Cooley. Added in additional information (culvert study,

9. Jeff Macqueen is going to co-sponsor a bird walk with Audubon Society. Also we hope UVLT offer another summer star gazing event at Mountain View Farm.

10. Heritage Trail-(route of the grimes hill rd.). Easement is owned by the Town of Orford. Ted motioned that OCC express an interest to support the maintenance of the Indian Pond Heritage Trail. Craig second. Discussion ensued. Motion carried.

11. Meeting scheduled July 18 and August 15.

12. Carl Schmidt -Orford Historical Society working with the Upper Valley Land Trust to have an event at Mountain View Farm on 6/29/19 at 10:30. Visit to Billy Brown Barn and Shed. John Porter, founding member of the NH Barn Committee will speak on saving the agricultural structures in the state. John Rowe will discuss the pending work to stabilize the barn/ shed.

13. 6/5/19 report from Upper Valley Land Trust provided report on Richmond Property was shared with all members.

Tom moved we adjourn. Ted seconded. Motion carried.

Adjourn 8:21 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Fran Plaisted