

**Orford Conservation Commission (OCC)**  
**Meeting Minutes: August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Present: Commissioners: Ted Cooley (Chair), Craig Putnam, Tom Bubolz, Carl Cassel (Alternate) Fran Plaisted (Alternate, Secretary), Carl Schmidt, John Miller, and Jeff MacQueen (Vice Chair). Guest: Shreeya Panigrahi

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM

1. Ted moved that the July minutes be tabled until the next meeting. X seconded. Motion carried.
2. Jeff reviewed results of water testing and agreed to forward the results to the Selectboard. A potential septic system issue was discussed by the Selectboard at their 7/23/19 meeting. No action taken by the OCC at this time.
3. Review of Peter Fisher's application for further Connecticut River riverbank work is scheduled for 8/23 at 10 A.M. Carl Schmidt will attend. Carl will respond to Peter's email invitation to the meeting.
4. RPC Report: Ted reported that the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC) meeting was held last night (8/14). Funds are available through the State for transportation related local projects. Money may be available to set up a park and ride.
5. John Miller reviewed the process of wetlands applications and the need to provide an engineering study for most projects. John presented to the Selectboard at their 7/23 meeting that an engineering study is needed for the Orfordville Road beaver dam culvert project. The Selectboard agreed to fund the engineering study to replace a culvert that previously drained the bog. The board thanked John Miller for his efforts to obtain a wetland permit.
6. Indian Pond Project: The Commission discussed whether there was a permit application needed of in process. The OCC has not seen an application. The discussion noted that there are wetlands on both sides of the road. No action taken at this time.
7. Jacobs Brook Project: The low water, summer portions of the project are completed. The planting of the willow stakes is planned for October
8. Culverts Project: Contracts have been signed by Selectboard Chair, John Adams, and the project is moving forward. John Berryman will be obtaining the data resulting from the project. John is setting up a Highway Department database for the Town.
9. Invoices: Jeff presented an invoice for \$120 for to pay for mowing at the Richmond Property. Ted moved that we pay \$120 for mowing. Craig seconded. Motion carried.

10. Jeff discussed the annual reviews of the Richardson Tract and the Schwaegler - Richardson Tracts. He completed the yearly survey and provided his report for the Society for the Protection of NH Forests.
11. Updates on Fowler stream projects and Schwaegler stream projects. Work on the Schwaegler and some of the Fowler projects have been started.
12. Carl Schmidt provided an update on his task to raise \$5000 to stabilize the Mountain View Farm (aka Billy Brown Farm) barn and shed. The fundraising is to purchase needed materials. The labor is being donated. Carl is hoping to raise the funds by the end of the month.
13. Conservation Land Use Agreements: Harry Pease noted that we need review the agreement regarding the boat landing and the agreement regarding Mountain View Farm. The existing agreements will be reviewed at the next OCC meeting.
14. Next meeting 9/19/2019.
15. Looking for new OCC Members and Alternates.

Tom moved to adjourn. John seconded. Motion carried

Adjourn 7:52 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Fran Plaisted