

Orford Conservation Commission (OCC)
Meeting Minutes: January 28, 2020
Meeting held via Zoom due to COVID-19 social distancing requirements

Present via Zoom: Members: Ted Cooley (Chair), John Miller (Vice Chair), Craig Putnam, Carl Schmidt, Carl Cassel, Fran Plaisted, Tom Bulbolz, Emily Bryant

Meeting called to order 7:02

Fran Plaisted and Carl Cassel were seated.

12/2020Minutes. Ted motioned we accept minutes, Tom seconded motion carried.

Land Use Agreements- Ted has been waiting for 6 weeks for the signature on the land use agreement.

Orfordville Road Culvert- John M. Permits approved, invoice to be sent to town office to cover admin etc. for \$1000. Ted will contact Esther will inquire if there is an invoice in the folder. This cost exceeds the estimate but can be billed as we did not have a clause that precludes unexpected charges.

NRI update- Craig and John thought we were done. Esther is going to load the document on the website. Publicize the NRI once it is uploaded. Ted thanked the sub-committee.

NH Association of Conservation Commissions – send list members. Please all members look, fill out and forward on.

Budget meeting: increased costs due to increased water testing was not objected.

Invoices-none that he was aware of.

2020 Annual report submitted to the town. Thanks to all those who reviewed it. Town report includes the financial status of the OCC.

Conservation Commission Projects- Reminder on 25A for the bench project. Promises were made from NH DOT to rework bench to Kennedy specifications. Nothing has happened yet. No funding to replace plants that did not survive or were bulldozed.

Jim Kennedy CT River Joint Commissions also Chaired the LRS [what is LRS?]. He is stepping down from both. He has been essential.

Maybe a good idea to offer a snowshoe event.

Other Business.

We worked out what needs to be done for water testing for next year. Harry ordered extra inventory for water testing.

Monthly request for photos for website. So send in photos. On line photo contest?

Knotweed-John wanted to do some experimenting this year. Suggested a subcommittee. We would like to get some more citizens volunteers. Without more help we need to collapse back to Tillotson Falls Rd. Send a message out to the list serve to try to motivate citizens. Carl S. suggested that we contact the Rivendell School to see if we can get some school volunteers. Rivendell Trails Association has a channel into the school so perhaps there is a way to get students. Perhaps we can find a science teacher to see if they are interested.

Commissioner Terms and new members: Harry, Craig, Emily, Fran's term expire this year. Fran, Emily, Craig agreed to stay on.

Connecticut River Joint Commissions: Could we add a water testing site on the CT River. Tom B. used to test water at the boat launch (looking at impact fish). One option is to look at where Jacobs Brook flows in. Consensus of commission to investigate adding a site on the CT River.

Tom motioned we adjourn. John seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting ended 7:49.

Minutes taken by Fran Plaisted

Ted reconvened the meeting to review invoice from Horizons Engineering for \$1000.00 for the Orfordville Road Bog Culvert. Ted motioned we pay this invoice from the OCC funds. John seconded. Motion carried.

Tom motioned we adjourn. Craig seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting ended 7:52pm

Next meetings: third Thursday in February.