Orford Conservation Commission

Approved Minutes of Meeting on August , 2017

Present: Commissioners – Ted Cooley, Carl Schmidt, Jeff MacQueen, Tom Bubolz, Craig Putnam, Emily Bryant, Fran Plaisted as an alternate

The meeting was called to order at 7:00.

**1.** **Minutes** Tabled

2. Water testing demonstrates that there appears to be an issue with Jacobs Brook. There is likely an issue between Paragon Construction and Mousley Brook testing sites as the numbers indicate in the recent testing. The town nurs. Discussion of repeating sampling. Agreed that Tom will have more sampling sites to hopefully clarify where the issue is arising. Ted will discuss with Selectboard and Faith.

We went through a chapter by chapter update on the NRI with status updates.

Chapter Update -Geology –no longer able to do this chapter because the volunteer had to relocate to another area. We are likely not going to get anyone to write this chapter.

Ted will get a word document from Amber so we can make changes. Then finalize your chapter and send to Amber and Ted.

We will collect photographs.

2. National Resource Inventory-

a. No invoices for this month.

Carl Schmidt CT River Joint Commissions: clean water initiative program will be Monday at 7pm at Lyme Town Offices at the start of High St on 8/

Damn relicensing- new owners Great River Hydro- they must provide more information about erosion. They must provide updated revised erosion reports by 11/15.

Northern Pass Project- approved by feds (strictly whether or not the pass can cross the federal border). There will be plenty more hearings on the proposed project.

We reviewed the option of the CT River Conservancy and reviewed a potential project to clean up old Fairlee Dump and wondered if we wanted to work on cleaning this up.

Diane -cares deeply about the Conservations Committee. She is not able to regularly come to meeting. As a result we need more alternates.

Motion: (Tom/Carl C) to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Fran Plaisted