Orford Conservation Commission

Approved Minutes of Meeting on June 15, 2017

Present: Commissioners – Ted Cooley, Carl Schmidt, Jeff MacQueen, Tom Bubolz, Craig Putnam, Emily Bryant

The meeting was called to order at 7:05.

**1.** **Minutes** Tom B. motioned we approved the minutes, Carl seconded Motion carried.

2. Diane G. provided via email a list of the current use land. We will review this and discuss at our next meeting based on 2015 statistics. Motion that we table this until the next meeting where Diane can hopefully explain the statistics.

**3.** **Invoices, etc.**

a. No invoices for this month.

4. Two Positions for Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission. The town receives two spots usually filed by one individual from OCC and one from Planning Board. Ted Cooley will serve as the OCC representative and ask that the select board make that appointment. Fran motioned, Craig seconded motion carried.

5. DES sent a letter to a residence for a violation of their property: (filled wetlands for access and installed a dock without a permit.). Geurin ResidenceThis case will be inspected by the DES.

6. Water Test Results are sent to Tom B. Tom can generate the report. Tom will send the report to Ted. Ted will send to the Town Nurse and then Ted will send these to the list serve and selectboard. Especially if the results are in a dangerous zone, the health officer will post it

7. NRI– Ted called Amber from UVLSRPC It was her understanding that we were going to focus on the changes. New one is a supplement to the original document. We had an informal conversation on the NRI. WE will produce an entire document, if there are no changes. Leave chapters alone that do not need to be edited but include them in the chapter. Full document, with new chapters and edited and unedited chapters.

Ted will check on:

- what has Amber done for Ch 4 Current Use

- is Fran doing Ch 10 – Groundwater

- ask Harry what he has done for Ch 12 Forest

- will send Carl S text of Ch 16

- check with Amber about Ch 19 Conclusion

We decided that the maps could stay at the end of the document, but with a reference to them in the text.

Jeff will check with those who compiled the lists of animals (David Coker, Bill McKee, and Bry Beeson as well as himself), and try to streamline the lists (omit duplicates, etc.)

Jeff urged members to contribute photos.

Process: rather than everyone editing all text together (very long and painful), each person look at the existing text for their chapter (Ted can provide digital version), update it, and then let others know, so they can look at it and send suggestions back to the author. Ted will find a spot for these files where everyone can get at them.

Craig has done a lot on the Agriculture chapter. Perhaps Harry could inquire of farmers whether they are still farming, and if not, why not. Reviewed

At this point, Amber is waiting for us to get back to her with our chapters.

Trail Finder – officially published trails. Agreed that we will work with him to help publish the trails. Jeff will contact him.

Can we talk w/ road agent before they mow our roads. Can we reduce the spread of invasive species by cleaning mowers etc. Tom has the weed wrench. Craig will write some words about this and Ted will relay this to the selectboard.

Carl S. will contact Peter Fisher to determine when it will be convenient for members of the Conservation Commission to visit his property in order to view the new installation intended to prevent riverbank erosion. Members of the Upper Valley River Subcommittee of the Connecticut Rivers Joint Commissions are also interested in viewing the installation at the same time.â€

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Jeff is going to work with the students on the Richmond Property and set up a pollinator garden.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Bryant