Orford Conservation Commission

Minutes: February 21, 2019

* Present: Ted Cooley (Chair), Carl Schmidt, Emily Bryant (Alternate), Craig Putnam, Fran Plaisted (Alternate, Secretary),Jeff Macqueen, Paul Goundrey(alternative, John Miller, Diane Gildersleeve and representing the Selectboard, David Smith
* Emily Bryant seated as a commissioner for the meeting.
* The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.
* Ted read the motion: “Move that the Orford Conservation Commission contributes $10,000 from the Orford Conservation Fund to support the purchase by the Upper Valley Land Trust of a conservation easement on 105 acres of farmland in East Orford owned by Harry and Linda Pease”.
  + Seconded by: John Miller
  + Motion Carried.
* The OCC is very thankful that the land and farm remains a farm. Harry explained that his Grandmother left the land to him with hopes that he would keep the land a farm and in the family as long as possible. Farm has been there since 1790s they think, and it was in his family since 1866.
* Megan was appreciative of the OCC for having a second hearing to raise the additional funds.
* Ted received the first invoice for $10,000 from UVLT for the amount committed at the 9th August 2018 meeting. The payment is in process.
* Carl Schmidt commented about insects and bee death. Conservation Committee discuss what we may do regarding insects and bees. He wants to discuss this at our next meeting.
* 3/19/19- Upper Valley Land Trust – conservation commission gathering. Annual event. $5/donation at Hypertherm at 5pm on Heater Rd.
* Tom moved that we adjourn. John seconded. Motion carried.
* The meeting adjourned at 7:46.

Respectfully Submitted,

Fran Plaisted