

**Orford Conservation Commission (OCC)**  
**Final Meeting Minutes: June 16, 2022**  
**Meeting held in person at the Niles Room in the Town Offices and via Zoom**

**Present in person:** Members: Ted Cooley (Chair), John Miller, Carl Schmidt, Harry Pease; Alternates: Emily Bryant and Fran Plaisted  
Marc White III attended the meeting.

Meeting called to order 7:01.

Emily was seated as a member for the meeting.

**Minutes** Motion (John/Harry:) To accept the Minutes of April 21, 2022. Passed with correction of one typo. There are no formal minutes for May, was not a formal meeting.

[Fran arrived and was seated for the meeting]

1. **Marc White III.** He was interested in inoculating an ash tree in the Dame Hill Cemetery against the Emerald Ash Borer. You need someone qualified to do this: go to NH Department of Agriculture in the arborists category or a forester from NH site. Jim Frohn is the County Forester. July 7<sup>th</sup> inoculating for Ash etc. There are funds available to train someone to inoculate trees. There are ash trees on the mall. Fran will contact Henderson Tree Services to see if she knows anyone.
2. Invoices- expect to receive an invoice for mowing. OCC previously authorized Ted to pay these invoices.
3. Water Testing – recent samples were mostly good. Currently Indian Pond and Lower Baker are okay, Upper Baker Pond is at 166 so it is high but not so high to impact swimming. The three beaches are tested weekly. Harry sent results to Ted who sent the results to OCC. Marc White would like to ride along with Harry for the water testing next time.
4. Knotweed report- smothering strategy was effective. A modest investment in more black plastic might be helpful. Discussion on how to be sure what we cut down is destroyed - not viable.
5. NH DOT: John reached out to Jim Kennedy but got no reply. NH DES to discuss Clough Brook bog. Haven't head back from Ron Rhodes regarding Jacobs Brook and the shoreline "bench". Still trying to resolve whether or how DOT will fix the changes they made to the bench.
6. Terry Straight – sent information about knotweed. Town is cooperating. Dame Hill Rd. was cut by the State of NH.
7. Milkweed: trying to get this to grow. Bry Beeson is propagating milkweed.
8. Richmond Property- do we need to cut/ maintain trails. Perhaps it needs to be weedwhacked. Trying to keep a path/ trail open. Marc White is interested in the invasives on this property.
9. FERC sends updates on the status of the dam license renewal.
10. Spring and summer events - Allison Marchione left the Upper Valley Land Trust, Kaytee Currie-Huggard is trying to get things going. Apps: E-Bird, Merlin.
11. Outreach projects- stargazing party. Emily will check with UVLT about this.
12. We need conservation members and alternates.
13. Emily's map of Orford. She has lots of copies.

Motion (John/Harry) to adjourn. The motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Minutes taken by Fran Plaisted and Emily Bryant