

Orford Conservation Commission (OCC)
DRAFT Meeting Minutes: October 27, 2022
Meeting held in person at the Niles Room in the Town Offices and via Zoom

Present in person: Members: Ted Cooley (Chair), Craig Putnam, Harry Pease; Alternate: Emily Bryant. (no attendees via Zoom)

Meeting called to order 7:06pm. Emily was seated as a member.

1. Minutes of 9/15/22. *Motion (Ted/Harry)* to accept the minutes of 9/15/22 with two clarifications: in paragraph #10, last sentence to read: "John and Ted will follow up with the Selectboard." #13 to read: "Looking for Volunteers for OCC" (not hazard Mitigation group). #14 : there were two #14's. Change the second one to 15. The motion carried. [ed: another question on #13 what was Ted going to send out?]

2. Budget for 2023 (see Appendix).

a) Water testing: change from 13 to 14 weeks but total budget amount stays at \$2670 (some leeway for extra tests as needed).

b) Advertising: increases from \$120 to \$260 to account for charge for putting news in the library newsletter.

Total budget is \$4080 (up \$140 from 2022)

3. Planting tree stakes by Jacobs Brook: Harry got info on how to create the stakes. Harry has Willow and Alder; Emily has Red Osier. Process: cut a 3-4ft branch off at a slant, soak in water for 24hours, then pound in. For the red osier, peel off some bark part way up from the bottom. Emily: would forsythia work? We will plan this via email.

Motion (Harry/Craig) to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm

Minutes taken by Emily Bryant.

**2023 Orford
Conservation
Commission
Budget Request**

Category	Item	2022 Budget Amt	2022 YTD*	2023 Budget Amt
01-4619.10-000	CONS E-Coli Testing ***	2670	2100	2670
01-4619.10-360	CONS Mowing **	500	320	500
01-4619.10-550	CONS Legal/Professional Fees	300	0	300
01-4619.10-560	CONS Dues & Subscriptions **	250	250	250
01-4619.10-570	CONS Advertising	120	0	260
01-4619.10-xxx	CONS Mileage	100	0	100
		3940	2670	4080

* as of
09/20/2022

** Includes invoices received

*** Based on 2022 testing protocol:

^^ Reflects Friends Newsletter costs

Testing Model for 2023:

Weekly testing at Indian Pond, Upper & Lower Baker Ponds swim beaches,

Test monthly at other test sites along Jacobs Brook and Archertown Brook as previous years

01 June to 01 September = 4 test rounds

(14 weeks x 3 tests/week) + (4 months x 7 tests/month) = 70 tests

70 tests x \$35 / test = \$2450

Additional tests are conducted along Jacobs and Archertown Brooks when E. coli counts exceed NH DES level of 88 counts/100mL