

Meeting Minutes: March 20, 2025

Meeting held in person at the Niles Room in the Town Offices

Present-in-person: Commission Members: Ted Cooley (Vice Chair), Harry Pease, Chris Gothberg.
Alternates: Emily Bryant, Fran Plaisted and John Miller. Representing the Selectboard: Kevin Follensbee.

Meeting called to order 7:03 PM. Bob Hedges could not attend so Ted Cooley chaired the meeting. Some items that were on the original March 20th agenda will be deferred to an additional, to-be-scheduled, March meeting to be held before the month is over.

Emily Bryant, Fran Plaisted, and John Miller were seated.

1. Approval of the minutes from the February 20, 2025 meeting: *Motion* (Fran/Chris): to accept the minutes of 2/20/25 as written. Motion passed.

2. Election of officers. A slate of officers as follows was proposed:

- a. Chair: Bob Hedges
- b. Vice chair: Ted Cooley
- c. Secretary: Fran Plaisted
- d. Co-secretary: Emily Bryant

Motion (Fran/Harry): to elected officers as proposed above. The motion passed.

3. Timing of the planned March “Hike Orford” outing: There was discussion of Orford’s current muddy roads and trails, and some alternative routes for the upcoming Indian Pond Heritage Trail hike were considered. The consensus of the meeting, however, was that it would be more in keeping with conservation of the trails and consideration of the people who live on the possibly muddy roads to the trailheads, to postpone the hike. April might work better this year. *Motion* (Harry/Chris): to postpone the March Hike Orford event at Indian Pond Heritage Trail. The motion passed.

4. Request from Kevin for Trailhead information: The Selectboard needs to provide information on the location of trailheads of heavily trafficked trails to the state E911 office. They will then come and GPS the trails for their database. This helps them locate people who have an emergency on the trail and call 911. Emily can work on this.

Motion: (John/Harry) To adjourn the meeting. The motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at about 7:30 pm

Minutes taken by Emily Bryant.