

Orange Conservation Commission Minutes
5.29.18

1. Present: Dorothy Heinrichs (chair), Jay Heinrichs, Tracy Hutchins, Trish Weekes, Doug Weekes (absent: Dave Stacy, Sandi Pierson)
2. Approval of minutes of February 6, 2018: approved as written, Tracy abstained, she wasn't on the commission at February meeting.
3. Dorothy welcomed Tracy Hutchins to the commission. She was appointed to the OCC at the May 22nd meeting of the Selectboard. Tracy introduced herself and then others introduced themselves.

Doug was appointed the town's new public health officer at the May 22nd meeting and he brought up a concern. A town resident notified him that large trucks (apparently state or municipally marked trucks) are dumping road kill on private land one mile up the Class VI portion of Tug Mountain Road. DBH will request that this subject be on the selectboard's agenda for the next meeting

4. Review updates on all NRI recommendations, Hunting and Fishing – Dave Stacy
Dave was fishing in northern Canada so Dorothy will follow up with Dave on his reports
5. Updates on trail descriptions, Orange mines, essays – Sandi
Sandi was hiking. Dorothy will follow up on her trail descriptions and other reports.
6. Map update and review - Trish and Doug reviewed their work on creating and updating maps. The plan is to include the following maps in the updated NRI:
 - Watersheds
 - Steep Slopes
 - Forest Types
 - Wildlife Habitats
 - Wildlife Habitat Condition
 - Bedrock Geology
7. Review "What to expect each month" – Trish offered a few edits. Jay will do final edit.
8. Review "Orange can make a difference" – Tracy offered to review this section. She'll add information on protected and endangered species; how to project your land (That can be copied and pasted right from the website of the Upper Valley Land Trust) and may want to add comments from Kristen Laine and Jim Collins who have a conservation easement on their land; and possible other topics such as resources for landowners, including the Extension Service, the ins and outs of current use law.

9. Review Orange wildlife lists – several bird species were added to the list: Black-throated Blue Warbler, Cooper’s Hawk, Hermit Thrush. For the NRI, we will alphabetize the list (check field guides for the best way to do that to keep all hawks or warblers together)
10. Discuss Photography contest – We will have 20 photos printed up for people to vote on during the Orange Harvest Festival. We’ll have people select 3 (best overall, best wildlife, best scenic).
11. Illustrations for 2019 NRI – photos, maps - Doug will get a photo of Orange Basin.
Are there any painting we can use that are identifiable as Orange?
12. Production schedule and deadlines to assure February 15 completion date. Presentation to town at Town Meeting, March 13, 2019 ALL COPY DUE BY AUGUST 31.
Under discussion: print 10 spiral bound copies, post entire Natural Resource Inventory on town website.
13. Summarize next actions

Next action steps

- DBH provide contact information for Doug for illegal landfill follow up (DONE)
- DBH add illegal landfill discussion to SB agenda for June 12th meeting (DONE)
- DBH type up and review hunting and fishing sections with Dave
- DBH and DAVE work on NRI update

ALL - PREPARE SUGGESTED RECOMMENDATIONS TO PRESENT TO OCC AT NEXT MEETING

14. Date of next meeting, Tuesday September 18th
15. Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm