Draft Minutes of the Charlestown Conservation Commission Meeting of 2/17/2020

Members present: Gabe Bailey, Jim Fowler, Sue Forcier, Dick Lincourt

Alternate members: Dean Bascom

Guests: Joseph Conrad

Meeting called to order 7:04 p.m.

Jim Fowler acting chair and Dean Bascom seated for Dick Holmes

Minutes of January 21 Meeting approved 4-0 without revision.

Old Acworth Stage Road (OASR) landing issues: one resident of OASR has complained of damage to OASR by the logger’s forwarder when freeing a stuck log truck. Jim Fowler examined the road; damage is “washboarding” of the ice on the road; no damage to the gravel. Not clear what the resident would want done to correct the issue, which will be self-correcting with thawing or additional precipitation.

Reservoir Lot Timber Sale – Jeff Snitkin will post warning signs on the trail rather than closing the trail. Completion of the work is expected around the end of March.

Halls Pond timber sale – all complete. Received a check for $23,217.38, net of $15,417.38 to share 50/50 with the town.

Sam’s Hill town forest – would like to get bid requests out as soon as possible for cleanup and rod improvements. Seeking someone to write the Requests for Proposals. Discussion that we might ask Keith Weed to assist with drafting the RFP for the road improvement.

Conservation Easements – Positive reviews of the presentation by UVLT’s Meghan Chapman last Monday, which generated interest by landowners. Reported Alan Putnam and the Hemingways are talking to UVLT.

Correspondence – Received an annual survey from the NHACC; many of the questions do not apply to Charlestown.

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Richard Lincourt

Minutes accepted by Jim Fowler, acting chair

 James Fowler date