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MINUTES
May 6, 2025 Workshop

MEMBER ROLL CALL:

Ralph Lutjen, Chairman – Present	Ted Slader (Alternate) – Present
Mike Brooks, Vice Chair – Present	Marcia McKenna - Present
Josh Shackford - Present	
Mike Mosher – Present	
Rick Judkins - Selectmen's Rep. - Excused	
Marc Ohlson –Excused	
Liza Rogerson (Alternate) – Excused	

OTHERS PRESENT: Amanda Hayford - Madison TV and Katharine Young, Land Use Boards Administrator

MEETING POSTED: The meeting was posted in the Madison Town Hall Upper & Lower levels, Madison & Silver Lake Post Offices on May 5, 2025.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Lutjen called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

ELEVATION OF ALTERNATES: There were no elevation of alternates.

Chairman Lutjen stated that per the email received on May 5, 2025 from Linda Comeau at Upper Saco Valley Land Trust (USVLT), they are not agreeing to many of the commissions changes in the draft Conservation Easement as noted below:

Section 3.3 – Town receiving 10% of timber sale proceeds;
Section 3.3.B. – Delete De Minimis activities
Section 3.5 – Delete Subdivision section
Section 3.5.B. – Blanket “no structures”
Section 3.5.B.5 – Holder approval of minor forest management structures
Section 3.5.B.6 – Holder approval of minor recreational structures
Section 3.11 – Delete “Mountain biking (to be allowed on designated trails)
Section 4.1 – Delete “or any division of ownership...” see Rob’s comments
Section 5.1 – Delete “ability to rent or lease...” See Rob & Tim’s comments

Chairman Lutjen stated that the wording in Section 3.11 is convoluted regarding mountain biking. The Conservation Commission does not want mountain biking.

The Conservation Commission members went through the draft dated May 5, 2025 provided by Linda Comeau, USVLT, section by section. It was noted that USVLT is not willing to accept the Conservation Commission's sections highlighted in green and purple-lined through.

Chairman Lutjen recommended that Young, Land Use Boards Administrator draft comments to present to Cordell Johnston, Town Counsel for his review and to also send along to Attorney Johnston, the email from Linda Comeau dated May 5, 2025 and their updated Conservation Easement.

Brooks stated that USVLT needs the Town of Madison's name and they cannot proceed without us and it was stated by USVLT at the May 1, 2025 Conservation Committee's meeting.

Chairman Lutjen stated that after Cordell Johnston, Town Counsel has had a chance to review the email from USVLT dated May 5, 2025 and review the Conservation Easement, then Attorney Johnston would meet with the commission and they would be in a better position to negotiate.

Adjournment:

Motion by Shackford, seconded by Mosher to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 pm. The motion was voted on and passed **unanimously**.

Submitted by:

Katharine Young
Land Use Boards Administrator