Meeting Minutes—June 17, 2013

Members Present: David Kotz, Lynn Bohi, John Mudge, Melissa Horwitz and Rachel Ruppel, staff consultant

A quorum was not present, so no votes were taken. The group welcomed Melissa Horwitz, new member from Norwich.

Rachel provided a status update on the Wilder Dam relicensing—the proposed study plans are under review and stakeholders will comment by July 15, 2013. There will be a set of studies done on riverbank erosion, as well as fish, plant and wildlife resources, recreation and flow modeling.

Rachel asked how the Recreation Plan should be distributed—members present suggested Town offices and libraries, federal and state agencies, Town recreation departments or committees, school libraries and the Ledyard Canoe Club (Dartmouth Outing Club). Members present also suggested publicizing that the Recreation Plans are available online.

Members present reviewed an Alteration of Terrain permit for a Dartmouth College sorority house in Hanover, NH. Comments on the permit were: to commend the applicant for doing on-site treatment of stormwater as well as the tie-in to the municipal storm lines, but it was not clear from the drawings where the municipal storm line ends (i.e. if it empties into the Connecticut River) and if there might be any impact to the Connecticut River, if the municipal line does indeed empty into the Connecticut. Also, they noted the importance of continued maintenance to ensure the long-term functioning of the on-site treatment system.

Members present discussed the upcoming Riverbank Erosion field trip on John Mudge’s property on June 24.

The next meeting will be held on August 19, 2013 at the Thetford Library.

Respectfully submitted, Rachel Ruppel, staff consultant