Special Working Meeting – Lindabury Orchard June 22, 2016, Amherst Town Hall

Called to order by Daryl at 7:07 p.m.

Attendance: John Harvey, Rich Hart, Rob Clemens, Daryl D'Angelo, Lee Gilman, Wes Robertson

Guests: Graham Hankey, Wendy Rannenburg, Frank Montesanto, Sally Wilkins

**Opening Comments:** Daryl reviewed the purpose of the meeting and provided background including attachments distributed earlier. She also described the history of the Lindabury Orchard acquisition in 2003.

**General Discussion:** Following discussion of the various proposals to clear the lower Lindabury Orchard, including a previously drafted bid specification, John moved and Rich seconded that the specification be amended as follows: Item # 5 would now read "Retain large oak tree in center of lower orchard". Item #6 would read, "Remove line of large hardwoods below orchard shed and remove all small trees, undergrowth, and brush. The motion passed with one abstention. Bid forms will be updated to include the revised specification. John will follow-up to confirm bids from the three previous bidders.

Regarding the problem of poison ivy at Lindabury Orchard, Jeff Taylor with Vegetation Services will be invited to make a presentation on poison ivy eradication at the July ACC meeting. Daryl will follow-up.

Discussion ensued regarding formulation of a working group to better address planning and management needs of Lindabury Orchard. Rob moved and Wes seconded "to establish a Lindabury Orchard Working Group, consisting of two ACC members, 2 FOTO members, and one representative from the ALT with a charge to include:

- i. Craft a clear Vision for the Lindabury Orchard
- ii. Develop a Strategic Plan that supports the Vision.
- iii. Propose a 5-year management plan that includes clear structure, oversight, duties, and budgeting estimates.
- iv. Secure road access to lower orchard.
- v. Add or dismiss members from the group as needed.

  Exception: The Working Group must always include representatives from both the ACC and the ALT.

The motion passed. Members of the newly formed working group were nominated to include Rich Hart and Vic Bennison representing ACC,

Graham Hankey and Frank Montesanto representing FOTO. Sally Wilkins will nominate a member from ALT. Rich Hart will chair the group.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Rob Clemens