

HINESBURG CONSERVATION COMMISSION

*Rob Farley, Dave Hirth, Melissa Levy,
Bill Marks, Nancy Plunkett, Gerry Livingston (Chair)*

MINUTES of February 26, 2007

The meeting was brought to order at 7:05 PM.

Present: Dave Hirth, Melissa Levy, Bill Marks, Gerry Livingston, Nancy Plunkett

Absent: Rob Farley

Minutes

Minutes of the February 12, 2007 meeting were approved unanimously.

Old Business

Greenspace and Cultural Resources Plan

Most of the meeting focused on reviewing changes to the introduction made by Melissa and Nancy. Further editing of this section was completed. Bill had completed editing the former community setting section, which was merged into the new background section, and the trails section. These revised sections will be discussed at a future meeting.

ACTION:

Dave and Gerry will continue to work on the wetlands section, Melissa on surface waters, and Rob on groundwater. Dave will also continue work on the wildlife section. Nancy will update the working draft with the changes discussed for the introduction and work on redoing the organization of the plan based on the stated goals.

New Business

Gerry reported that the HCC has been tentatively scheduled to meet with the Planning Commission on April 11 to present the introduction and goals of the GCRP and an overview of the water resources sections.

The status of the French-Romeyn, Texas Hill, and 116/North Rd. development proposals were discussed.

Gerry reported that a 162-acre property on Sherman Hollow Road is for sale and a neighborhood group and others are discussing purchase of the property as part of a plan to create a protected corridor potentially extending to the Fred Johnson Wildlife Management Area. It was unanimously decided the HCC should assume an active or lead role in this effort.

Nancy provided a summary of the presentations made at the Conservation Planning Workshop on February 13 sponsored by the Charlotte Conservation Commission. It was agreed that the HCC would contact Jens Hilke, the Department of Fish and Wildlife's new conservation planning biologist, to inquire about planning assistance. It was also agreed that after the Greenspace and Cultural Resources Plan is substantially complete, the HCC will produce a pamphlet to be distributed to each new Hinesburg resident that will provide information on how to be good stewards of Hinesburg's natural resources.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: March 12, 7:00 PM, Town Hall: A presentation will be made to the Selectboard regarding the Lewis Creek and LaPlatte River Corridor Assessment Programs. All HCC members were encouraged to attend. [This meeting was subsequently rescheduled to March 26.]

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ADJOURNMENT: 9:15 PM

NEXT MEETING: Monday, March 12, 2007, 7-9 PM, Town Hall

Respectfully submitted: N. Plunkett