

HINESBURG CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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

MINUTES of March 12, 2007

The meeting was brought to order at 7:00 PM.

Present: Dave Hirth, Melissa Levy, Bill Marks, Gerry Livingston, Nancy Plunkett, Rob Farley (briefly)

Minutes

Minutes of the February 26, 2007 meeting were approved.

Wind Tower

Rocky Martin came to talk to us about plans for the wind tower in Geprags Park. Bob Mellion of Travia's Restaurant has signed an agreement for an easement over his land for the cable tying the wind tower to the library. So the project is back on track. We agreed on a Geprags Park workday on Saturday, May 19 with a Sunday, May 20 raindate. Rocky will be cutting most of the brush and trees prior to this. At the workday, we will do our usual park cleanup, with a special emphasis on dragging away the brush elsewhere to decompose naturally. Lawrence Mott is no longer with Earth Turbines, so our contact there is David Blittersdorf. We also discussed Green Up Day and how we would continue with our usual duties at the dump dealing with trucks.

Old Business

Development Proposals

The status of the French-Romeyn, Texas Hill (Bedard and Fritz), and Sherman Hollow development proposals were discussed.

Greenspace and Cultural Resources Plan

Most of this discussion focused on what we need to present and how we need to present it to the Planning Commission at our upcoming April 11 meeting. We discussed what the inventory/recommendations sections need to look like and what they should include. We also discussed the need for definitions of "greenspace" and "cultural resources." We reviewed assignments.

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 continue to update the working draft with the changes discussed and work on redoing the organization of the plan based on the stated goals. Nancy will also work on the Forests section.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: March 26, 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.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:00 PM

NEXT MEETING: To be determined, as another event (see above) has preempted our normally scheduled meeting of Monday, March 26, 2007, 7-9 pm, Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted: Melissa Levy