

HINESBURG CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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

MINUTES of April 9, 2007

Opening

The regular meeting of the Conservation Commission was called to order at 7:00 PM on April 9, 2007 in the Town Hall by G. Livingston.

Present: *Rob Farley, Dave Hirth, Bill Marks, Nancy Plunkett, Gerry Livingston*

Absent: *Melissa Levy*

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

Open Issues

Greenspace and Cultural Resources Plan (GCRP)

Discussion focused on various references to be used in preparation of the GCRP, including the Community Rule Publication from the DRB presentation on sprawl and Trust for Public Land publications addressing conservation cost benefit. The GCRP RFP is expected to be distributed by end of the week.

Proposed Developments

French-Romeyn Proposal – As described in the DRB's Finding of Facts, the proposal was denied. We discussed the review process with regard to what actions contributed or aided the DRB's decision process. It was agreed good community turnout, early involvement, solid arguments and reference to the Town Plan were essential elements. Next step is to see how the developer will proceed and whether the neighbors and/or HCC should engage the developer in discussion on how to proceed in the best interest of all.

Bedard/Fritz Texas Hill Proposal – The DRB review process was discussed. One additional observation is that the presence of Barred Owl mentioned by a number of neighbors is a good indicator of unfragmented forest habitat.

Sherman Hollow land for sale - nothing to report at this time.

New Business

Ketcham Proposal – Shelburne Falls Rd. Bill and Dave will prepare a draft review to submit to the DRB following the site visit.

Planning Commission meeting April 11th. The HCC is scheduled to brief the PC regarding the status, plans and schedule for the GCRP. Discussion focused on various topics/issues to discuss at this kickoff meeting and on how the two Commissions may collaborate.

Announcements:

April 10 Making a Groundwater Protection Plan, NRG cafeteria, Hinesburg, 6:30 – 8:45

Agenda for Next Meeting

Not discussed.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM. The next general meeting will be at 7:00 PM on April 23rd at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted by: R. Farley