

HINESBURG CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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

MINUTES of July 9, 2007

Opening

The regular meeting of the Conservation Commission was called to order at 7:10 PM on July 9, 2007 in the Town Hall by Gerry Livingston.

Present: *Conservation Commission Members Rob Farley, Melissa Levy, Bill Marks, Dave Hirth, and Gerry Livingston;*

Absent: *Nancy Plunkett*

Hoke/Quackenbush proposal

Discussion focused on various aspects of the proposed 6 home proposed development. Dave is to schedule a site visit and will report back to the Commission by July 24, 2007.

Recruitment of new members

It is well recognized that the HCC must actively recruit new members to fill the three current vacancies. All members were asked to consider potential candidates. A posting in the Hinesburg Record will continue.

Outreach to other boards/commissions

A discussion took place concerning outreach from this commission to other groups in town and the area; such as, Lewis Creek Association, Bissonnette Property Committee, Trail Committee, Town Forest Committee, Farm and Forest Committee, Energy and Sustainability Committee, Chittenden County Watershed Management, etc.. As the Greenspace and Cultural Resources Plan is developed it is important to work with these groups to focus objectives, recommendations and share data.

Website

It was agreed an improved website is required to improve interaction with the public and to aid education and outreach. Members were tasked to provide ideas and recommend other websites which could be used as models. Gerry and Melissa will lead this effort.

Hinesburg Record

Deadline for article in the August edition is August 6. Bill agreed to write an article to introduce the Greenspace and Cultural Resources Plan.

Budget

Gerry looked into purchasing a computer projector for use by the Town using end of year (FY2007) fiscal dollars. The estimated costs for a quality projector, however, exceeded available funds.

Writing assignments

The commission needs to continue its work on writing sections of the Greenspace and Cultural Resource Plan. No new writing assignments were assigned, although members were asked to continue their previous work.

Bedard Appeal

George Bedard has appealed the DRB decision for his Texas Hill development proposal to the State's Environmental Court. It was agreed the Commission would not independently participate in the proceedings but would extend their willingness to the Town to contribute in whatever manner is required.

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Use of Rejected Septic Ordinances

There was a brief discussion on whether the GCRP should include language addressing the proposed septic ordinances of 10 years ago. The discussion was temporarily tabled but will be readdressed at a later point.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM by Gerry Livingston. The next general meeting will be at 7:00 PM on July 23 at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted by: Rob Farley