

HINESBURG CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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

MINUTES of Sept. 24, 2007

Opening

The regular meeting of the Conservation Commission was called to order at 7:05 on 09/24/07 in the Town Hall by Gerry Livingston, chair.

Present: *Rob Farley, Dave Hirth, Melissa Levy, Bill Marks, Gerry Livingston*

Absent: *Nancy Plunkett*

Visitors: *Charlie Kogge, David Raphael (LandWorks)*

Approval of Minutes

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

Open Issues

1. HCC website development was discussed. It was suggested we consider contracting Jory Raphael (LandWorks affiliate) on an independent basis to better integrate ongoing efforts through LandWorks. It was also decided to seek local help to update and maintain the site as needed. However approached, it was unanimously decided that a good public website was essential to aid in the CC's efforts to keep the community involved in the Greenspace planning and other Town conservation efforts.
2. A detailed Work Plan was again requested of David Raphael to aid coordination of the LandWorks contract.
3. We discussed using the Rhode Island conservation model as a guide in preparing our plan – <http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/bpoladm/suswshed/pdfs/condev.pdf>. All members were asked to review this document and be prepared to discuss it in an upcoming meeting.
4. The rest of the meeting focused on the agenda and protocol for the upcoming (Oct. 8) community forum to be held at the Town Hall. David Raphael will provide all the necessary materials for the forum – PowerPoint, projector, easels, maps, etc. LandWorks will summarize the results in a report to the CC following the forum.

The purpose of this first forum is to both introduce the GCRP goals and to find out what Hinesburg citizens value. We will consider two broad categories – natural and cultural resources.

New Business: None.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 by Gerry Livingston. The next general meeting, a community forum, will be at 7:00 on Oct. 8 at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted by: Dave Hirth