

HINESBURG CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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

MINUTES of Oct. 22, 2007

Opening

The regular meeting of the Conservation Commission was called to order at 7:00 pm on 10/22/07 in the Town Hall by Gerry Livingston.

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

Absent: Nancy Plunkett

Also attended by prospective member Charlie Kogge and guests Linda Hamilton of the Charlotte CC, Jesse Mohr, their conservation ecology consultant, and Marty Illich, a rep of the Lewis Creek Assoc.

Approval of Minutes

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

Open Issues: *n/a*

New Business:

The meeting was handed over to our guests for a presentation, primarily by Jesse Mohr, of the Charlotte CC's ongoing Significant Wildlife Habitat Project. A handout of the Charlotte Forest Habitat Summary Sheet was provided, which set forth the six ecological principles for detection of significant habitat used by them to create a wildlife mapping of Charlotte. During and after the presentation questions and discussions touched on many issues, including the need to have a common language with identical definitions for land use planning and conservation of natural resources.

Following this discussion, further brief discussion was held about Bill's concerns regarding the current status of the proposed NW quadrant of the new Village District, specifically that it would allow a gas station to be constructed on the SW section of Ballard's Corner, the main gateway into town; which would conflict with our work to retain the rural character of Hinesburg. It was agreed by the CC that he should attend the next PC mtg in order to raise those concerns on behalf of the CC.

Announcements: *n/a*

Agenda for Next Meeting: ?

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm by Gerry Livingston. The next general meeting will be at 7:00 pm on Nov. 12, 2007 at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted by: Bill Marks