

HINESBURG CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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

MINUTES of November 12, 2007

Opening

The regular meeting of the Conservation Commission was called to order at 7:05 PM on November 12, 2007 in the Town Hall by Gerry Livingston.

Present: *Conservation Commission Members Gerry Livingston, Melissa Levy, Bill Marks, Rob Farley and Nancy Plunkett; Charles Kogge; and David Raphael of Landworks*

Absent: *Dave Hirth*

HCC Business:

1. First, there was a discussion with Charles Kogge about joining the HCC.
2. Next, there was a discussion about our current and next year's budget. We discussed how to use our current year budget before July. Thoughts included the GCRP survey, forums, etc. Another idea was fixing the Geprags Park sign. We also discussed how to use the barn fund. Members were encouraged to give their thoughts by email.
3. Members schedules. Bill will be gone to New Zealand from December through March. Melissa will be gone from March to either April or May, upon the birth of her baby.

Greenspace and Cultural Resources Survey

LandWorks was at the meeting to discuss future plans with respect to the GCRP. LandWorks had had a discussion with Gerry already about protocols, etc. There will be weekly conversations. LandWorks hopes to have corridor recommendations by November 30. We discussed the approach that Charlotte took. We also reviewed the workshop summary. December 10, LandWorks hopes to have an approach to assessing the core data. We should be forming partnerships with regulatory bodies, neighboring towns, other conservation groups in Hinesburg. December 10, LandWorks also hopes to have together some approaches to working with landowners and a draft summary. December 31/January 1 – LandWorks hopes to have an outline and executive summary, a revised schedule and an introduction, potentially the water section to deliver to the Selectboard. HCC members were asked to review the Rhode Island plan as well as the Randall Arendt article. We debriefed the forum and had a discussion about the summary. David will start the survey discussion by email. Ideas for what to ask included:

1. What do you value?
2. How do you use resources?
3. How to conserve – what are you willing to consider?

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM by Gerry Livingston. The next general meeting will be at 7:00 PM on November 26 at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted by: Melissa Levy