

HINESBURG CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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

MINUTES of November 26, 2007

Opening

The regular meeting of the Conservation Commission was called to order at 7:10 PM on November 26, 2007 in the Town Hall by Melissa Levy.

Present: *Conservation Commission Members Dave Hirth, Melissa Levy, Bill Marks, and Nancy Plunkett; Charles Kogge; Town Planner Alex Weinhagen; and Natalie Steen of Landworks*

Absent: *Rob Farley and Gerry Livingston*

Greenspace and Cultural Resources Survey

A draft of the Town-wide survey on greenspace and cultural resources prepared by Landworks was discussed. HCC members suggested many changes, relating to wording and format.

Work Plan

The dates for completing the survey were changed as follows:

- 1) December 10th – review final draft of survey.
- 2) January 2nd – mail out survey.
- 3) January 24th – deadline for return of survey.
- 4) February 14th – draft report on survey results due.
- 5) February 23rd – final report on survey results due.

Gerry will discuss the rest of the work plan with Landworks on November 30th.

Resource Categories for Plan

Six categories were agreed upon:

Water quality and water resources, forest and agricultural resources, wildlife habitat and biodiversity, recreational resources, scenic and aesthetic resources, and historic and cultural resources.

Public Outreach

The nature of the web site now and later was discussed. It was agreed that as soon as possible the web site should provide information on the status of the plan (e.g., results of forums, drafts, maps, survey results). When feasible, interactive features will be added. Alex will look into adding an e-mail address (HCC@hinesburg.org) to receive questions and comments from the public about the plan.

For additional public input, Alex suggested dovetailing with his public outreach efforts on rural residential density that will begin in January and posting information on the Front Porch Forum.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 PM by Melissa Levy. The next general meeting will be at 7:00 PM on December 10 at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted by: Nancy Plunkett