

HINESBURG CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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

MINUTES of February 11, 2008

Opening

The regular meeting of the Conservation Commission was called to order at 7:10 PM on February 11, 2008 in the Town Hall by *Gerry Livingston*.

Present: *Rob Farley, Dave Hirth, Melissa Levy, Nancy Plunkett, Gerry Livingston, Charles Kogge*

Absent: *Bill Marks (on leave in New Zealand)*

Approval of Minutes

Open Issues

Greenspace and Cultural Resources Plan

Gerry expressed frustration and disappointment with the contractor, Landworks. The latest deadline for deliverables from Landworks was Friday, February 8, 2008. No deliverables were received. Work products included in the contract have not been delivered, most importantly, the draft text of the Greenspace and Cultural Resources Plan. This information is essential so that the Hinesburg Conservation Committee (HCC) can make recommendations to the Planning Board. The continuing effort to obtain materials from Landworks is reducing the HCC's ability to move on with related work.

It was agreed that a letter will be drafted and sent to Landworks, again specifying items to be delivered, this time by March 1, 2008. This includes:

- ❖ Updated versions of the following maps:
 1. scenic roads map
 2. wildlife habitat map
 3. public forum map
- ❖ Draft GCRP
- ❖ Anything that Landworks may want to add

Web site development for the GCRP will no longer be the responsibility of Landworks. The HCC will be updating its website with another, yet to be identified, contractor.

Proposed Developments

None

New Business

- ❖ The deadline for completion of the GCRP will be extended. The Survey Monkey contract will be continued (~\$10/mo) to allow completion of the survey. HCC members divided the paper surveys received to date, and they will enter them into the online Survey Monkey system before the next regular HCC meeting on February 25.

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Addendum: It was later determined that it would be most expedient to let LandWorks enter all data. Completed surveys were thus gathered and mailed to LandWorks later that week. (gpl)

- ❖ There was a discussion of a requested easement for a trail leading from an upcoming development on Route 116 (about ¼ mile north of CVU Road) to the northern border of Geprag Park. The members were favorable to such an easement to provide access to the park. It was noted, however, that bicycle and horse access not be allowed on existing trails within the park. New trails must be constructed for this purpose.
- ❖ We need to create a HCC poster for town meeting day.

Announcements:

None

Agenda for Next Meeting

- ❖ VT Agency of Natural Resources regarding wetlands.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM by Gerry Livingston. The next general meeting will be at 7:00 PM on February 25 ,2008 at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted by: Charles Kogge