

HINESBURG CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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

MINUTES of April 28, 2008

Opening

The regular meeting of the Conservation Commission was called to order at 7:11 pm on April 28, 2008 in the Town Hall by Gerry Livingston.

Present: *Rob Farley, Dave Hirth, Charles Kogge, Gerry Livingston, Bill Marks, Matthew Probasco, Kristen Sharpless, Nancy Plunkett*

Absent: *Melissa Levy (maternity leave)*

Kristen Sharpless was formally confirmed as a Hinesburg Conservation Commission Member by the Selectboard.

Reviewed minute taking process

Greenspace Plan Communication Clarification

We discussed the standardization of communiqué regarding revisions to the draft Green Space Plan. Draft section must say draft, who wrote it, who revised it, and the date of the revisions.

Discussed Green Up Day schedule on May 2nd

Bissonette Farm/Town Forest Project

Kristen provided an update regarding the ongoing business of the Bissonette Town Forest Committee. The highest priority of this committee is public engagement. A family oriented event is scheduled for May 18th, which will be lead by Kristen.

Bill – Suggested a longer walk touring the entire property.

Conservation Commission Website Development Update

Charlie provided an update. He requested more maps for incorporation into the webpage as well as feedback as to the look and feel of the new webpage. A suggestion was made to include a thumbnail photo and description of each HCC member. Another suggestion was made to include a description of the HCC's history and mission.

Greenspace and Cultural Resources Plan - The ongoing and complicated drafting and presentation of the Green Space Plan.

Gerry – suggested that we focus on establishing clear goals for the plan as well as separating tasks into groups.

The introduction was reviewed and revised in attempt to clarify and consolidate the goals and vision of the plan.

Nancy volunteered to rewrite the introduction and to forward the revised draft to Bill and Matthew for comment and review.

A suggestion was made to rewrite and relocate of concept of Green Infrastructure into plan, with an emphasis on linking the environmental and social values

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A suggestion was made to link goals informally/indirectly to each section of the plan.

Another suggestion was made to enhance the recommendations and connect them more closely to each goal.

A discussion ensued to organize and delegate tasks for each section.

After a brief review of Kristen's new draft of the Agricultural Resources section, it was agreed that this document would act as a provisional template for review and comment by HCC members, to be discussed during the next meeting.

The structure of the entire plan was discussed, to be determined later.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 pm. The next general meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on May 12, 2008 at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted by: Matthew Probasco