

HINESBURG CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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

MINUTES of May 12, 2008

Opening

The regular meeting of the Conservation Commission was called to order at 7:00 PM on May 12, 2008 in the Town Hall by *Gerry Livingston*.

Present: *Dave Hirth, Melissa Levy, Nancy Plunkett, Gerry Livingston, Charles Kogge, Bill Marks, Kristin Sharpless*

Absent: *Rob Farley, Matthew Probasco*

Approval of past minutes

Reports

- Bissonette Town Forest Project – Kristen / Matthew. There will be a "Family Woodland Walk" at the Owl's Knoll section of the Bissonette Town Forest on Sunday from 3 - 5 PM. Kristen will lead the walk, and it is planned by the Bissonette Town Forest Planning Committee as the first in a series of walks and talks that will happen this spring and summer out on the property to get people out on and learning about the land. CC members are encouraged to come and to spread the word!
- Geprag Park – Melissa. Work Day will be Saturday, June 21 from 9-12. Melissa put an article in the Record. She will also alert all town boards/committees through Alex's list as well as the Front Porch Forum. Pruning under apple trees, walking the trails to make sure there are no obstructions, etc. It won't be a long morning. Rocky will be there to oversee any work around the wind tower.
- Nominations for Chair for FY 2008-2009. Bill nominated Gerry for chair. Nancy seconded. All were in favor. Gerry Livingston remains chair.

Ongoing Business

▪ **Greenspace Plan**

- LandWorks is reluctant to complete our plan (as promised) now that they have been paid 100%.
- *Web site development – Charlie. The framework is set up. We need content and pictures. Dave, Gerry and Charlie will take the lead on this.*
- *Introduction – Nancy, Matthew, Bill. Nancy has been working on this, but wants to wait to complete it until the plan is sorted out.*
- *Zoning recommendations – Bill.*
- *Goals and Objectives / structure. We reviewed the structure of the sections to determine what items must be in each section and how. References will be at the end of each section. Glossary will be at the end of the document in an appendix. Resources will include contacts and programs. Acronyms will be spelled out in their first occurrence and in an appendix. The recommended structure as discussed at this meeting is the following:*

A. [resource name]

1. Vision
2. Objectives
3. Overview
4. Resource Significance

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5. Resource Inventory
6. Resource-Specific Recommendations
 - a. Objective
 - i. Facts
 - ii. Recommendations

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM by Gerry Livingston. The next general meeting will be at 7:00 PM on June 9 at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted: Melissa Levy