

HINESBURG CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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

MINUTES of June 23, 2008

Opening

The regular meeting of the Conservation Commission was called to order at 7:10 pm on June 23, 2008 in the Town Hall by Nancy Plunkett.

Present: Charles Kogge, Melissa Levy, Bill Marks, Nancy Plunkett, Matthew Probasco, Kristen Sharpless

Absent: Rob Farley, Dave Hirth, Gerry Livingston

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of previous meeting was approved.

Budget

The group agreed that we should purchase Adobe Acrobat in order to edit documents for the web site. Charlie will arrange to order it through Jeanne and Missy.

Bill is looking into the possibility to have the town's brushhog mow down the wild parsnips near the entrance to Geprag's Park. If that is not feasible, Melissa will arrange to hire a local contractor to do it.

The group agreed that it would not be an appropriate time to hire a consultant to edit and organize the Greenspace Plan.

Rural Area Development Density

The development project near South Farm Road was briefly discussed. Bill suggested that the Conservation Commission should remain on top of this because of the size of the project.

The Bedard project on Texas Hill was discussed. So far, the Development Review Board (DRB) has only approved a preliminary sketch plan.

NOTE: The next Planning Board meeting to discuss rural development density is Wednesday, June 25.

We had a lengthy discussion on the proposal for Rural Area Development Density submitted by Alex.

Two items that the HCC agreed upon in regard to this proposal are recommendations that:

1. Parcels of less than 11 acres should only permit a maximum of 1 dwelling.
2. The unconventional zoning regulations of Norwich, Vermont should be seriously considered in preparing changes to Hinesburg's regulations. Bill will research other innovative regulations and forward them for consideration to the HCC and the Planning Board.

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Greenspace Plan

Parts to be completed soon:

- ❖ Wetlands – Gerry to edit
- ❖ Surface Water – Gerry
- ❖ Ground Water – Rob
- ❖ Forests – Kristen
- ❖ Recreation - Nancy

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm. The next general meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on July 14, 2008 at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted by: Charles Kogge