

HINESBURG CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Nancy Plunkett, Matthew Probasco (Chair), Kristen Sharpless,*

MINUTES of March 23, 2009

Opening

The regular meeting of the Hinesburg Conservation Commission (HCC) was called to order at 7:10 pm on March 23, 2009 at the Hinesburg Town Hall by Matthew Probasco.

Present: Dave Hirth, Charles Kogge, Melissa Levy, Bill Marks, Matthew Probasco, Kristen Sharpless

Absent: Nancy Plunkett

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from Feb. 23 and March 9 were approved as amended.

Lake Iroquois Association

Roger Crouse, president of the newly formed Lake Iroquois Association (LIA), joined us to discuss his organization and its goals/concerns. Major concerns of the LIA include water quality (nutrients from farms and septic systems), invasive species, number of power boats, road maintenance at the lake and within the watershed (44,000 acres), and noise levels. Lake Iroquois is eutrophic, but nutrient levels today do not appear to be higher than those taken in 1994. Milfoil is pervasive in the lake. A few weevils were introduced last summer, but the number of weevils needed to make an impact on the milfoil would be prohibitively expensive.

HCC Website

The website that Charlie Kogge has created was unanimously approved as the official web site for the HCC.

JAM Decision

The recent VT Supreme Court decision regarding the golf course in South Burlington shouldn't have a big impact on us or anything we are doing in Hinesburg. However, it serves as a reminder that we (HCC) and the PC and DRB need to be clear in the directives that we give developers and these regulations need to be enforced consistently.

Greenspace Plan

The goal is to have a draft to present to Alex Weinhagen and the Planning Commission in May/June. The final product should be delivered by Feb. 2010. Matt, Melissa, and Bill have been working as a subcommittee to pull the various chapters together. Other HCC members will be involved as their respective chapters come up for review and revision.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted by: Dave Hirth
