

# **HINESBURG CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

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*Dave Hirth, Charles Kogge, Melissa Levy, Bill Marks,  
Nancy Plunkett, Matthew Probasco (Chair)*

*MINUTES of August 10, 2009*

## **Opening**

The regular meeting of the Hinesburg Conservation Commission (HCC) was called to order at 7:15 pm on August 10, 2009 at the Hinesburg Town Hall by Matthew Probasco.

**Present:** Charles Kogge, Melissa Levy, Bill Marks, Matthew Probasco

**Absent:** Dave Hirth, Nancy Plunkett

## **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of June 8 & 22, 2009 were approved.

## **Upcoming Planning Board Meeting**

On Wednesday, August 12, 2009, the Hinesburg Planning Commission will meet to discuss rural development density. Bill will be unavailable to attend this meeting, so Matt will attend.

Bill presented a variety of issues and suggestions to be discussed at the Planning Commission meeting:

- The main concern in the VNRC letter to Alex W., dated Aug. 7, is lot size. The larger lot size you allow, the less left for conservation purposes; the more land you are removing from the town's control for other uses. He wants to see maximum lot sizes specified (1/2 acre for subdivisions).
- Regarding the last paragraph of the cover letter – there should be a discussion about this. Keep in mind that the mother-in-law apartment could be used.
- Section 5.1.2 (b) Flood hazard area – include fluvial erosion hazard areas.
- Regarding "Slopes in excess of 30%" - most other towns are 25%. Hinesburg should be 25%.
- We should suggest 100 ft. setbacks from bodies of water.
- More categorization of roads (for example, on the basis of slope).
- Include wildlife corridor maps in the new regulations.

## **Greenspace Plan**

After a viewing of some Hinesburg maps provided by Alex, it was decided that maps will be included in the Greenspace Plan in an appendix, with notes that they may be incomplete or outdated, as necessary.

## **Upcoming ancient roads meeting**

We want to delineate ancient roads to maintain them as trails for the future.

The meeting was closed at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Charles Kogge

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