

# **HINESBURG CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

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*Dave Hirth, Melissa Levy (Chair), Bill Marks*

## **MINUTES of September 13, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Hinesburg Conservation Commission (HCC) was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on September 13, 2010 by Melissa Levy.

**Present:** Dave Hirth, Melissa Levy, Bill Marks

**Guests:** Stewart Pierson, Jennifer McGowan

**Absent:** None

### **Greenspace Plan**

Melissa contacted Alex to see where they are in their review of the plan. Alex and Peter have been very busy, so haven't completed their work on it. When they do, they will return it to us with track changes, so that we can see what changes they've made.

### **Geprags Park**

Two interns from the Lands program at UVM spent a couple of weeks this summer creating a new trail. Since then, Bill Marks and Bill Piper have been improving it and building a foot bridge and figuring out the best way to turn it into a loop trail.

Stewart Pierson from the Trails Committee visited us to talk about whether we could use some assistance with Geprags Park, particularly with respect to putting up trail signs and markers. The commission discussed and is interested. We will mark trails with numbers for Stewart.

We also discussed the Geprags Park Management Plan. We are awaiting information from Mark LaBarr from his survey of the park. Dave will also write up a list of species found at the park. Finally, we discussed holding our next meeting at the park to talk more about whether and how to manage the park for open fields, brushy habitat and mature forest. We will have our next meeting on September 27 there at 4:30 p.m.

### **Development Updates**

George Bedard has put in a new application for a development on Texas Hill Road. The meeting is Tuesday, September 21. Dave will attend. Melissa will contact old members who live in that area to submit comments and/or attend the meeting.

### **Wetlands and Vernal Pool Mapping**

Melissa mentioned a workshop that she and Dave attended last spring on vernal pools. There was brief discussion about making this part of our workplan for 2010-2011.

Roger Crouse, President of the Lake Iroquois Association will attend our October 11 meeting to give an update on their work.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Melissa Levy