

HINESBURG CONSERVATION COMMISSION

*Dave Hirth, Alison Lesure, Melissa Levy (Chair), Rhonda Mace
Bill Marks, Jennifer McGowan*

MINUTES of December 5, 2011

Meeting Started at 7:10pm

Present: Dave Hirth, Alison Lesure, Melissa Levy, Rhonda Mace, Bill Marks, Jenn McGowan

Topics Discussed

HCC Appointments - Rhonda Mace appointed by Hinesburg Select board to a 4 year term.

Hannaford update – Bill plans to attend next DRB meeting 12/6/11.

Green Space Plan – Still awaiting feedback. Melissa will follow up again with Alex Weinhagen in order to start finalizing the plan.

Wildlife and Transportation – Need to keep this project rolling. First step will be collecting tracking data. Melissa will contact Bryan Davis with CCMPO and Jens Hawkins-Hilke with VT F&W. Dave may have a former graduate student he can put in touch with Jens regarding tracking data.

Invasives update – Next meeting in January.

Geprag's Park Management

- Proposal for Wildlife Management Plan – Dave has been working on this and will now revisit.
- Plan for Kiosk – Jenn engaging with UVM Senior Capstone class and professor, and will write a description of the project to provide to the class. Possibly enlist Eagle Scouts, EMS staff for an EMS service day, or other volunteers to build a bigger kiosk. Rhonda may be able to get materials donated for the construction of kiosk and will look into this.
- Mower needs work, about \$400 in repairs. Determine options for a replacement. Spear Street Mower has a used DR mower for \$2000. Dave will contact DR Power Equipment to research possible options.
- Rhonda will follow up with Justin Kenney at Winooski NRCD to get clarification about status of money for Geprag's invasives management.

Education/Increase Community Awareness of HCC

- Write articles for the Hinesburg Record, e.g., article on bird watching at Geprag's Park, invasives work, history of Geprag's (engage with Hinesburg Historical Society to obtain history of Geprag family and the land up until it was donated to the HCC), etc.
- Develop HCC display for Town Meeting – Melissa will obtain language about HCC and its mission that was developed for the former HCC website to include in display.

Next Meeting: December 19th. Items for agenda – Agree to work days for the park, map out display.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20pm.