



Conservation Commission

Town of Hinesburg

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Meeting Minutes - January 26, 2016

- Approved 2/09/16 -

Members Present: Meg Handler, Alison Lesure, Merrily Lovell

Members Absent: Bill Marks

Guests: Bob Hyams

1. **Call to order** at 7:17 p.m.
2. **Minutes** - Approved 12 January 2016 minutes.
3. **Updates on GSP** – Members discussed next steps for the Greenspace Plan. A question was raised about exactly how the GSP will be incorporated into the Town Plan, and the need to clarify this. Commission would like to make the current version available on the town website. Also discussed the need to review the entire plan again and determine what has already been accomplished through revisions to the zoning regulations, what maps need updating, what will be focuses going forward. The Commission plans to have a working session during the next meeting to go through the GSP as a group and identify an. Alex has offered to help update the maps, and Alison will reach out to him to set up a time to meet to determine what updates are needed and address next steps for the GSP. Merrily will follow up with Maggie Gordon on the Planning Commission to get a sense of the Planning Commission’s review and any feedback they had about the GSP. A side question was raised about ensuring that the Commission is notified of all applications to the DRB.
4. **VT Gas Pipeline** – It is the members understanding that VT gas can’t enter Geprags without an agreement in place to do so, and such an agreement has not been finalized with the Select Board. Alison will reach out to Phil and Trevor to request getting on an upcoming Select Board agenda to discuss any updates on this matter. Unlikely to get on the agenda until after Town Meeting.

5. **Conservation Commissions Intertown Meeting Debrief** – Alison, Meg, and Bob shared highlights, observations, takeaways from the meeting. Alison will share the next meeting’s agenda with the chairs of the Commissions that participated in the meeting to continue the information sharing and encourage continued collaboration. This prompted further conversations on how to continue to get the Commission more engaged in the Hinesburg community. Ideas included creating a Facebook page, sponsoring a photo contest of Hinesburg scenes at CVU, and collaborating with local farms and establishing a farm tour of Hinesburg. The Commission also plans to reach out to the chairs of other town committees and reestablish the links between other town committees.

6. **Geprags** – Hoping for a February date for Sledding Hill Party, dependent on snow! Otherwise aim for March. Trail work stilled needed on some trails to remove downed logs.

7. Other Business

- a. Responsible Growth Hinesburg has an event on April 7th on water at the Town Hall and wants to invite the Commission to participate.
- b. Town mtg. – Plan to have a large town map for participants to identify wildlife sighting’s in Hinesburg, as well as the GSP PowerPoint that was set up at the Harvest Festival this past fall.

Next Meeting: February 9, 2016

Meeting Adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Alison Lesure