



## Conservation Commission

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### Meeting Minutes – July 12, 2016

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**Members Present:** Bob Hyams, Shannon Kelly, Alison Lesure, Bill Marks, Merrily Lovell **Members**

**Absent:** Meg Handler

**Guests:** Cynthia Hendel, Lawrence Shelton, Michael Bissonette (Hinesburg Select Board)

1. Call to order at 7:04 p.m.
2. Hinesburg residents Cynthia and Lawrence expressed concerns that CC was focusing exclusively upon Geprags Park as it related to the VGS pipeline. Cynthia pointed out that 3 of 7 priority communities identified in the VGS stipulation are located in Hinesburg. CC will inquire of other sites and natural resources impacted.
3. VGS proposal: CC discussed VGS proposal to employ horizontal directional drilling (HDD) to transect 1700 feet within west corridor. Bob expressed concerns that VGS and state are not in a position to adequately manage HDD operation.

**Motion:** The route east of stream is still the route preferred by the CC. HDD as proposed would be acceptable with strict performance measures, contingency plans, oversight and bonding, and financial compensation commensurate with the value of Geprags to both VGS and the citizens of Hinesburg. Agreement terms will be developed with independent legal and technical expertise, at the CC's choosing, paid for by VGS.

Motion: Bill

Second: Merrily

Approved by unanimous vote

4. Chair succession: Alison is stepping down from Chair position, and is staying on Commission. Bill nominated Shannon as Chair, and Merrily as Vice Chair. Alison seconded the nomination. Nomination carried unanimously.

**Next Meeting:** July 26, 2016

Meeting Adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Robert Hyams