

HINESBURG CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Matthew Probasco (Chair), Kristen Sharpless, Charlie Kogge, Rob Farley, Dave Hirth, Melissa Levy, Bill Marks, Nancy Plunkett

MINUTES of January 12, 2009

Opening

The regular meeting of the Conservation Commission was called to order at 7:00pm on 1/12/09 in the Town Hall by Matthew Probasco, Chair.

Present: Matthew Probasco, Kristen Sharpless, Charlie Kogge, Dave Hirth, Melissa Levy, Bill Marks, Rob Farley

Absent: Nancy Plunkett

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed. It was decided that future minutes would be taken by members, in rotation, in alphabetical order by first name, beginning this evening with Bill Marks.

Open Issues

Matt reviewed the need to discuss our various projects to better coordinate their handling and assess priorities.

Melissa's Geprag Park Management Plan would be pursued over the long term. It was decided it is not currently a priority.

Charlie is going to revise the Homepage on the developing HCC website and will explore upgrading the software. He hopes to have it ready by Town Meeting Day.

Kristen is continuing to work on the Bissonette Project Management Plan which needs to be done by the end of 2009. Wetland restoration will be included in this work.

Matt will confirm with Peter & Alex that he and Bill should be contacted by their office ASAP whenever an application comes in to the DRB that they think we might have interest in being involved in.

Greenspace Plan: The question was put forth and decided in the affirmative that, pursuant to a discussion between Matt and Alex, we should have a first draft completed by 5/1 that can be presented to the PC for their initial consideration. Pursuant to that goal, we will have all natural resource sections completed by the individual members by 2/1 so that a subcommittee of 3-4 members can then get together in special sessions, when and where to be decided later by the members involved, to review all the sections and edit them as they see fit for continuity, clarity and conciseness. In completing these sections, we've agreed to work as much as possible through email to advise each other as to possible improvements in our proposed drafts.

It was decided the Implementation section would not be included in the initial presentation to the PC in order to simplify our task at hand. However, Bill felt that this section might be one of Landwork's more valuable contributions and serve to better inform us on revising the resource specific recommendations, which need work. He volunteered to review it and seek to ready it also for possible submission to the PC.

New Business

None.

Announcements:

The PC has a new member, whose name is not known, but who has replaced George Bedard. An Inaugural Ball will be held 1/20 at 7pm in Town Hall. 'Dressing Up' is strictly creative and not to be a matter of concern. All are encouraged to come (remember - we are representatives of this Town and should seek to make ourselves better known in the community) and have a FUN time and believe in the Future!

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Agenda for Next Meeting

Review the `final' drafts of our individual sections for the Plan

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm by Matt Probasco, Chair. The next general meeting will be at 7:00 pm on January 26, 2009 at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted by: Bill Marks, Secretary for the meeting