

HINESBURG CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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

MINUTES of January 26, 2009

Opening

The regular meeting of the Hinesburg Conservation Commission (HCC) was called to order at 7:15 pm on January 26, 2009 at the Hinesburg Town Hall by Matthew Probasco.

Present: Dave Hirth, Charles Kogge, Melissa Levy, Bill Marks, Nancy Plunkett, Matthew Probasco

Absent: Rob Farley, Kristen Sharpless

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of January 12, 2009 were approved.

Greenspace Plan

Nancy agreed to be a member of the Greenspace Plan Subcommittee.

Matt reported that Gerry Livingston has reduced the size of his Water Resources section down to about 20 pages from the original approximately 35 pages. Matt will forward the revised version to the other Commission members.

Nancy, Bill and Kristin have submitted edits to Matt on his Groundwater Resources section.

It was decided that endnotes instead of footnotes would be used in each chapter.

There was a discussion of the order of the sections of the documents. It was agreed that the whole document would be maintained, understanding that the "Part 3 – Implementation" has not been examined for some time.

As discussed at the previous Commission meeting, the consultant originally planned to pull the Greenspace Plan document together will not be hired at this time. After the Greenspace Plan Subcommittee has completed its work and the whole Commission reviews the document again, hiring a consultant to finalize the document will be considered.

All sections should be delivered to Nancy by Feb. 6, earlier if possible. She will pull the entire document together and include endnotes. We can talk about the document at the next meeting.

HCC Web Site

Charlie did a brief demo of the new HCC web site.

A new section on Geprag Park will be created based on material from Melissa.

Nancy and Melissa will provide some items that can be included in a new "Education" section of the site.

The other members will send Charlie other items that can be included. The goal is to get the site ready for a presentation around Town Meeting Day.

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Development Review Board (DRB) – Dam Subdivision – North Road, East Side, Route 116 Intersection

The DRB is considering a development application at the above location. At sometime in the past, the location had been designated as a deer wintering area by a Vermont Fish & Wildlife Biologist. That designation is a consideration regarding the current development application. Bill made a motion that Dave, being a subject matter expert, visit the site and report to the DRB via Peter Erb on his findings regarding the presence or absence of a deer wintering area. Matt seconded the motion. Dave agreed to do it. The motion was approved unanimously.

Development Review Board – Fritz 10-acre lot on Texas Hill Road

The precedent of splitting this 10-acre lot was discussed. The property is in a wildlife corridor, across from the proposed Bedard development. It was decided that it is too late in the DRB process for the HCC to take a position on the issue. Matt will work with Peter Erb and Alex on methods of future communications.

HCC File Drawer

The members examined the contents of the HCC file drawer in the Planning Office with Bill, who had reorganized its contents.

The meeting was closed at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Charles Kogge
