

HINESBURG CONSERVATION COMMISSION

*Dave Hirth, Charles Kogge, Melissa Levy (Chair),
Bill Marks, Nancy Plunkett*

MINUTES of December 14, 2009

The regular meeting of the Hinesburg Conservation Commission (HCC) was called to order at 7:12 pm on December 14, 2009 at the Hinesburg Town Hall by Melissa Levy.

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

Absent: None

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from November 9, 2009 were approved.

FY 10-11 Budget

Melissa will be presenting the CC budget to the Selectboard at 8:30. Whether to request an increase to the Land Conservation Trust Fund was discussed. Bill will accompany Melissa and respectfully request an increase to \$10,000.

Greenspace Plan

Alex and Peter have received a copy of the latest draft of the Plan. Andrea also received a copy. Very preliminary comments have been positive. Melissa will inform Jean of the status of the Plan.

Wetlands Meeting

Dave provided a written and verbal summary of the wetlands meeting held in Charlotte. Andrea and Peter were also in attendance at the meeting. Based on new ANR wetland rules, ANR can update wetland maps to upgrade Class III wetlands and vernal pools to Class II resulting in State protection and 50-foot buffer requirements. Kim Lockwood of VNRC indicated there was a process to achieve ANR recognition of these wetlands and offered assistance.

Obtaining an aerial survey with plant ecologist/pilot Ian Worley and working with a UVM natural resources class on ground-truthing were discussed. Dave will follow up and obtain a cost estimate for an aerial survey.

Rural Zoning Proposals

Dave, Bill, and Melissa attended the Planning Commission meeting where discussion followed up on the public meeting held to present three rural zoning options. Bill requested consensus on what the CC recommends as a draft maximum density. It was agreed that a one house per 10-acre maximum density should be evaluated using the model proposed.

Geprags Park

Melissa received a request from someone about haying the upper field. The CC decided that this was not a good idea given the timing of cutting/bird habitat and potential fertilizing issues.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted by: Nancy Plunkett
