



## **Conservation Commission**

Town of Hinesburg

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### **Hinesburg Conservation Commission Meeting Agenda**

**Tuesday, June 13, 2023 – 7:00 PM**

**Via Zoom:**

1. Call to order: Kate, Tobi, Meg, Kathy, Summer Stratton, Margaret McNurlan, and Bill Scott  
7:00 PM
2. Additions/Deletions to agenda: updates from Liz: mentioned that she has a summer intern working on an iNaturalist project and would like our support for this project. Also wake boats added at the end.
3. Public Comment for non-agenda items: Members of the public introduced themselves.
4. Updates:
  - a. Geprags management – parsnip planning: Meg checked in with Bob Wahl and we are all set with our summer plan. Parsnip predator material at library. Meg will check with library; Kate will get the language to Tobi; Tobi will post on FPF. Kate raised issue of graffiti at the park;
  - b. Education subcommittee – Our Better Nature book group -- June 24<sup>th</sup> 11am at Geprags.
  - c. Watershed grant next steps (beaver mitigation) – update: Todd Odit agreed to be the signatory on the grant; Todd approved advance payment, so now we have the money, and we can move forward with Skip Lisle, the beaver expert. First step, Skip will come out and check this site and the one further down Falls Road. Bob will probably want to take this on. Bob will spearhead this; Meg will work with Bob. Liz has been talking with the Town Forest Committee on similar work in the Town Forest. It makes sense for Skip to check on that site as well. Liz will also work on the beaver committee. Meg will be the point person for beaver paperwork.
  - d. Natural Resources Inventory update & next steps – Kate sent link to new draft map from Jesse Mohr. (Wildlife crossings); Jesse would like to come speak to us to go over the map and talk about what should go onto the official Natural Resource Inventory Map. Jesse also has some restoration ideas for certain areas, but those are mostly on private property so we would have to be careful about that.

5. Development review: We discussed looking at the development review emails that come in from the Town. We went through the email together and discussed each proposal.
6. RR1 Proposal – Changes to the RR1 District – Discussion of the Planning Commission proposal. Meeting tomorrow night. Kate will speak on behalf of the Conservation Commission -- we want to support the changes but voice our support for strengthening it.
7. Beaver iNaturalist Project – Kate created a group for beaver information in Hinesburg. We can all try that out.
8. Wake Boat issue – The DEC rule has passed through ICAR and the final public hearing will be taking place in July. Kate will be the official spokesperson to advocate for a stronger rule, with Tobi the back-up speaker if Kate is unable to attend.
9. Review minutes of May 9, 2023 – Kate made a motion to approve. Tobi seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
10. Nature Notes
11. Adjourn 9:30 PM