

# **HINESBURG CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

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

## **MINUTES of September 8, 2008**

### **Opening**

The regular meeting of the Conservation Commission was called to order at 7:10 pm on September 8, 2008 in the Town Hall by Gerry Livingston.

**Present:** *Dave Hirth, Charlie Kogge, Gerry Livingston, Melissa Levy, Bill Marks, Nancy Plunkett, Kristen Sharpless*

**Absent:** *Matt Probasco, Rob Farley*

### **Approval of past minutes**

- Minutes of July 14 and 28, 2008 were approved

### **Discussion**

1. We put off discussion of the budget in favor of more pressing issues.
2. Lake Iroquois management plan. Do we want to participate? There was obvious interest from the group, but again we put off full discussion of the topic for the time being.
3. Sherman Hollow Homeowners Association met in early August to talk about perceived threats to the neighborhood. Their concerns are in line with the interests of HCC, and we should keep abreast of their discussions. Gerry and Dave attended their August meeting at the Sleepy Hollow x-c ski center. Lexi Reiss has been hired on a small grant to coordinate the efforts of this group.
4. Geprags Park work day. We settled on Sunday, Sept. 21. There is mowing work and more apple-tree release work to be done. However, we also need to take a longer range view of the park and decide what areas we want to continue mowing and what areas we want to let grow back up to trees.
5. DRB site visit to the proposed Hoke-Quackenbush development is scheduled for 5:00 on Sept. 16. The issue from our standpoint is whether the houses in the strip from Baldwin Rd. will block the passage of wildlife between Carse's Swamp and the large woodland to the west. There has not been much in the way of obvious change since their last sketch plan. Three houses may have been moved forward toward the field in the strip, but one house still sits directly in the center of the strip and seems problematic to us. Dave and Bill will be part of the site visit.
6. The HCC web site created by Charlie Kogge is up and looking very promising. It is time for us to start passing him material to insert into the blank spots on the web site to begin fleshing it out.
7. Green Space Plan. All the chapters exist in at least draft form right now. However, the vision and the recommendation sections are generally missing and need to be written. Nancy and Dave will work on the forests chapter. Gerry will try to finish up his water resources chapter. Matt and Rob will try to finish up their ground water section.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned: 9:15. The next general meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on September 22, 2008 at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted: David Hirth