

# 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 October 27, 2008*

## **Opening**

The regular meeting of the Conservation Commission was called to order at 7:10 pm on October 27, 2008 in the Town Hall by Gerry Livingston.

**Present:** Charles Kogge, Melissa Levy, Gerry Livingston, Bill Marks, Kristen Sharpless

**Guests:** Bill Neil, Renate Parke, Marianne Brunetto

**Absent:** Matthew Probasco, Rob Farley, Dave Hirth, Nancy Plunkett,

## **Approval of past minutes**

- 08Sep, 22Sep, 13Oct

## **Summary Reports**

- As per Kristen's email, the Bissonette Town Forest web page is now posted to the Town's web site: <http://www.hinesburg.org/btf/>
- Sherman-Hollow Neighborhood Association – Dave and Gerry attended the neighborhood association meeting held Oct 15. A general summary of the effort and notes from that meeting are posted online: <http://shnavt.pbwiki.com/>. Not surprisingly, the goals and issues put forth by the SHNA are very similar to those we have posed as part of the Greenspace Plan.
- Trails Committee – Gerry met with the committee on 24Sep to discuss how to better coordinate activities and planning efforts between the Trails Committee and the Conservation Commission. The primary action item was that they would like to review the Recreation Section of the Greenspace Plan as it currently stands and the remainder of the document when available.
- Lake Iroquois Watershed Management planning project

## **Discussion**

### **Geprags Park**

- Bill Neil, Pastor, United Church of Hinesburg, Renate Parke, and Marianne Brunetto came to talk to the HCC about their search for a site in town for a labyrinth for community use. A labyrinth is a path people walk in quiet contemplation. The proposed labyrinth would be on a piece of land 50 foot square with 7 circuits. One site they are considering is at Geprags Park. The discussion included issues of accessibility, maintenance, and other locations they are considering. They will keep us in the loop and come back to talk with us if our park is their preferred location.
- Melissa – Geprags Park Management Plan: Goals, issues, approach, schedule. We talked about the overall goals of the park, which include recreation, education and cultural and natural resources. The commission also talked about objectives, rules and activities related to those overall goals. Melissa will come back next time with prose for vision and goals for the park.

### **Web development**

- Charlie - Issues, schedule, budget. The website is at [www.hccvt.org](http://www.hccvt.org). Charlie has been busy working on this site. Please get Charlie any photos you might have. HCC members were asked to review the web page.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:19 pm. The next general meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on November 10, 2008 at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted by: Melissa Levy