



## Conservation Commission

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**Meeting Minutes - December 13, 2016**  
**Hinesburg Town Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room – 7:00 PM**  
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**Members Present:** Bob Hyams, Alison Lesure, Merrily Lovell, Bill Marks

**Members Absent:** Meg Handler

**Guests:** Rachel Smolker

**1. Call to Order**

7:05 p.m.

**2. Winter Solstice Bon Fire (Rachel Smolker)**

Discussion: The solstice this year is Wednesday, Dec 21. Rachel is representing a group of citizens that would like to host a bon fire. There is a history of bon fires in the park, dating back to a fall festival.

The CC granted approval for the request, and offered to co-sponsor with Protect Geprags Park Committee. Rachel will craft an announcement/invitation to be sent by email and posted to front porch forum.

**3. Mail**

Merrily shared recently collected mail.

**4. Yearly Report to Select Board due Dec. 16**

Alison submitted a draft annual report. The CC reviewed and adopted it without edit as the final 2016 Annual Report.

Motion to approve – Alison, second – Bill. Approved by unanimous vote

**5. Budget**

Numbers arrived at in previous meeting were entered into spreadsheet provided by Town Administrator. Budget will be presented at Dec 19 Select Board meeting.

**6. Kiosk Update**

New kiosk completed and installed. Will need to treat in spring as non-pressure treated wood was used.

**7. Geprags Management Plan**

Initiated group review of draft management plan, will continue at next months meeting.

**8. Nature Notes**

Alison shared a rare sighting of an evening grosbeak

Merrily expressed growing acceptance and daresay, appreciation for indigenous rodenta.

**9. Next Meeting**

Next meeting set for Tuesday, Jan 10,2017

Meeting adjourned 9:20 p.m.

Addendum: It is with heavy hearts that the Hinesburg Conservation Commission accepts the resignation of Alison Lesure, long-time member and past chair. Alison contributions are many - they were characterized by laser-like focus, a powerful command of the issues, and an unswerving commitment to collaboration.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert Hyams