



## **Conservation Commission**

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### **Hinesburg Conservation Commission Minutes**

**Tuesday, March 10, 2020 - 7:00 PM**

*Hinesburg Town Hall – Lower Level Conference Room*

**Present:** Kate Kelly, Bob Hyams, George LaClair, Marie Ayer

**Absent:** Michael Bissonette, Meg Handler

**1. Call to Order 7:00 PM**

**2. Additions/Deletions to Agenda 7:05 PM**

**3. Review Minutes of February 11, 2020 Meeting 7:05 PM**

Kate made a motion to approve and George seconded it. Notes approved.

**4. Review Work Plan and Identify Tasks For This Year 7:10 PM**

Management Plan should be linked to our webpage. Kate will contact Aaron about getting this on. Discussion on when NRI will be finalized. We discussed how to get some high school students more engaged with the board, possibly through Grad Challenge. CC went through the entire work plan looking at what pieces we've completed or want to tackle this year. Talked about getting park signs for no dogs and leashed dogs for Geprag's Park. George will look into signs to bring to the next meeting. Bob mentioned we should revisit our park plan to see what needs to be accomplished.

**5. Grassland Bird Talk 7:45 PM**

Bob moved to accept flyer and George seconded it. Marie can look into Post Office and inquire about the cost of mailings and the numbers of mailers needed. Also emailed the Hinesburg Record to get the flier published into their newspaper. Depending on the cost, the CC may just print and deliver them around town. We will look into also getting it published out in social media. CC to be there 30 minutes prior to the start to set up. Everyone will bring something.

**6. Natural Resources Inventory Update 8:16 PM**

The meeting was last night and the rough drafts of some of the maps were presented. Various jobs were assigned to various members to help Jesse in identifying areas on maps. Locate where town facilities are (Marie), identify working farms in town (Mike), should we display groundwater protection and a list of landowners that Jess would visit in May to inventory (An

email to all people and everyone will sign up for who they know.). Also, the recreation trails need to go through the trails committee and see what will be displayed. Jesse will send out a review of source documents to see what needs to be included. Jens emphasized that we need to do a very public rollout.

CC discussed getting an email for the board so that community members can contact us easier.

**7. Haystack Crossing Discussion and Letter 8:29PM**

Kate posted up the letter of concerns drafted at the meeting in December. This one had passed. Edits to letter were discussed and how to address that in time. Bob will submit as an addendum as there isn't a quorum to vote.

**8. AVCC Tiny Grant, Due April 10 8:48 PM**

Kate's idea is an educational outreach for Front Porch Forum and other outlets.

**9. Upcoming Events: Vernal Pool Walk, Winged Warbler Talk 8:45 PM**

Kate had this set for April 11 from 9-11 and may need to move the date. The backup date is April 26. Bob will help Kate set traps the day before.

Mark Lebarr wants to do a bird banding on May 17th at Geprag's Park. He also wants to coordinate a bird talk at CVU. Birds and Beers at Frost Beer Works on March 26th from 6-7 pm.

**10. Other Business and Correspondence 8:50 PM**

**11. Nature Notes 8:58 PM**

George said the mink are running right now. Bob was walking his dog down by the LaPlatte and a beaver carcass was there behind Kinney Drugs. There was also a huge beaver complex off Greenbush Road in Charlotte. Kate said red-wing blackbirds are back.

**12. Adjourn 9:00 PM**