



Conservation Commission

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Hinesburg Conservation Commission Minutes

Tuesday, April 14, 2020 - 7:00 PM

Zoom Meeting Log-in Information:

Meeting ID: 261 419 278 Password: 014082

Computer Log-in: <https://zoom.us/j/261419278?pwd=Z1BCWFVtWmRvSEQxeTJyQzFzOHZEZz09>

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1. Call to order 7:00 PM

Present: Kate, Meg, Bob, Mike, Jean Kiedaisch (guest)

2. Additions/Deletions to agenda 7:00 PM

3. Review minutes of March 10, 2020 meeting 7:05 PM

Advisory minutes only as past meeting did not have a quorum

4. Natural Resources Inventory update 7:10 PM

Kate sent out a letter today for landowner outreach. Meg will do her magic and pare it down. Personal contact if available, letter to everyone. High priority group 12, med priority 8 landowners, low priority if there is time and resources. Mike questioned whether site visits should be focused on parcels that are more likely to receive development pressures. What is the incentive for landowners to consent to a site visit? Will Jesse meet with landowners (Bob)? Are there other incentives that can be offered?

Farm list; Mike and others will look at farm list and map.

5. Haystack Crossing discussion & letter

Bob revised latest version. Three main points and a list of other observations were included. We do not have a quorum so, it will not be presented as HCC position. Meg commented that the letter was focused and well written. Kate will investigate the best means to present letter in absence of a quorum.

6. Education/Outreach: water quality/nature posts

7:45 PM

Kate is wondering how to distill conservation guidance to messages that can be conveniently circulated to the Hinesburg public on commonly used platforms such as front porch forum or facebook.

The CC would like to begin using a platform to collect nature sighting, with the hope of inviting the general public to input their sightings as well. Meg will reach out to Alicia Daniel for platform recommendations.

7. Other Business & Correspondence

8:00 PM

Milfoil Herbicide Application for Lake Iroquois - Meg is against the application of herbicide, and would like the HCC to take a position. ProcettaCOR application is proposed, Meg says it will be expensive and success not guaranteed. State has jurisdiction, though the town may be asked to pay - if not this year, then at some point. Bob will contact Misha Cetner at DEC for process and dates to submit comments.

8. Nature Notes

3 loons, a huge snapping turtle, a unidentified wild flower, and the worst sugaring season ever!

9. Adjourn