



Conservation Commission

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Hinesburg Conservation Commission Minutes

Tuesday, June 9, 2020 - 7:00 PM

MEETING WILL BE HELD REMOTELY

Due to closure of Hinesburg Town Hall

Zoom Meeting Log-in Information:

Meeting ID: 853 0305 8417 **Password:** 321494

Computer Log-in:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85303058417?pwd=RURUTkZkV3E0YndmZkZEYzFEc3lkQT09>

Dial in by Phone: (929) 205-6099

Members Present: Darcie Mumley, Mike Bissonette, Kate Kelly, Meg Handler, Marie Ayer

Public Present: Marian Mumford, Pat Suozzi

1. Call to order 7:00 PM
2. Additions/Deletions to agenda - None 7:00 PM
3. Public Comment for non-agenda items - No public present. 7:05 PM
4. Financial/budget update – Kate gave a budget update, and will ask Missy/Renae about rolling over NRI funds or billing before June 30. 7:10 PM
5. Signs at Geprags: review and approval – The Commission discussed the draft signs, and decided to make two different signs (one reading “no dogs” and one reading “dogs on leash”). Darcie M. will contact Renae to get the town logo. Marie A. made a motion for Darcie M. to purchase two no dogs sign and one dog on leash sign, with town logo and Hinesburg Conservation Commission on it. Meg seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. Kate to do FPF post regarding our management plan and new signs. 7:30 PM
6. Updates on recent projects: Green Up Day, Natural Resources Inventory, Lake Iroquois milfoil treatment

Green Up Day was a success, though trash volumes seemed lower than usual. Kate updated on the Natural Resources Inventory --50/50 success at getting landowner permission. Jesse M. will plan visits for next week. Regarding Lake Iroquois milfoil treatment – a public hearing was held by DEC, and people were able to submit comments electronically or at the meeting. Pat Suozzi commented that it is in the state’s hands, but there is a 30 day appeal

process for those who commented (which would go through Environmental Court, and information can be found on their website). 7:50 PM

7. Development Review: Haystack Crossing, Russell – no one from the CC was able to attend the last Haystack Crossing meeting. Mike B. said they were discussing traffic primarily. Mike B. reviewed the Russell plans, and said 2 houses proposed, with big area behind as open green space. There is a wind turbine easement. He asked what we are looking for in these reviews. How do we come up with decisions/asks? How can we be proactive and not reactive? Kate will ask other CCs how they do their reviews (e.g., do they have a checklist of what they look for?) Mike will find out where they're at in the review process and the timeline.

The Commission discussed if we should we reach out to Hinesburg Center II developers in advance about our concerns. Meg has concerns about filling in the floodplain, and Marie mentioned concerns for current Creekside homeowners about altering drainage patterns. Meg will reach out to Mitch for phase 2 information/plans. 8:00 PM

8. Possible webinar: winged warbler work – Kate brought up a potential webinar with Mark LaBarr (Audubon VT) in place of our planned in-person talk/bird banding. Everyone was concerned with people being “zoomed out”. Suggestion to keep it brief (10-15 minutes), and recorded so people can watch it later. Possibly band a bird and show it in hand? Kate to follow up and schedule with Mark. 8:15 PM

Marie left the meeting.

9. Other Business & Correspondence – Mike B. mentioned to everyone to be careful with emails. Kate mentioned a call from Renae about the mailbox at Geprag's. Meg H. remembered that the mailbox goes back to Jo White's husband, Ted, who was on the CC, and is a tribute to fathers. Mike B. reported that the first Geprag's mowing is done (last week). Next mowing should happen mid-end July (and should be before wild parsnip goes to seed so as to prevent spread). Then one more mowing (big one) at end of growing season. 8:20 PM

10. Review minutes of May 12, 2020 meeting 8:30 PM
Postpone until next meeting. Kate will check with Renae on if minutes approval requires a quorum.

11. Nature Notes – lots of chipmunks, doe and baby fawn on side of Pond Rd., Prairie Warbler/Field Sparrow, big feather. 8:35 PM

12. Adjourn 8:45 PM