



Conservation Commission

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Hinesburg Conservation Commission Minutes

Tuesday, December 15, 2020 - 7:00 PM

MEETING WAS HELD REMOTELY

Due to closure of Hinesburg Town Hall

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:07. Members in attendance were Kate, Liz, Meg and Bob. Guests were Nina Friscia, Shannon Kelly (Lake Iroquois Association), and Alex Weinhausen (Director of Planning & Zoning, Town of Hinesburg).
2. There were no additions/deletions to agenda
3. There was no Public Comment for non-agenda items
4. Lake Iroquois Association presentation & discussion

Shannon Kelly - LIA

Discussion: Shannon presented a list of ongoing and proposed projects that LIA was working on, they include:

- Pine Shore drive water quality restoration
- Applied for Watershed Action Plan grant (Iroquois and Patrick Brook)
- Beebe Lane remediation, significant sediment source (stormwater BMPs \$300K) many challenges in finding a grant, requires 50% match, LI Recreation District owns the road.
- Dynamite Hill, another sediment source, aiming for landowner engagement
- Increase Lakewise Program participation
- Loon Habitat, floating nesting platform, Eric Hanson VT Center for Ecostudies, Eric possibly looking for some form of volunteer help.
- LaRosa water sampling is ongoing, but pandemic status in question. Shannon monitors 24 lake inputs
- Ice-out competition

Meg questioned why 150K match For Beebe Lane is a problem, given available funds for herbicide?

Bob questioned why such a low participation rate in Likewise Project. While an interest in LIA/HCC collaboration was expressed, no specific areas of collaboration were identified.

5. Update on Patrick Brook river corridor project

Alex Weinhausen

Discussion: The report was commissioned by the town and conducted by Mike Kline of Fluvial Matters LLC. While the report was written in the context of the proposed development within the

river corridor, we concluded that it can be considered independent of the development. If the town were to pursue restoration of the Patrick Brook river corridor, it was agreed the CC would be the point organization. An alternate path would be for a land trust to get involved and take the lead. Next step: CC to discuss with Hinesburg Land Trust at January meeting. Alex to share with developers/landowners.

6. Discuss budget presentation, recommendations to Select Board?

Kate recused herself from the discussion, therefore the quorum was lost

7. Review minutes of November 11, November 16, and December 9, 2020 meetings

Liz was not a member during the past meetings, so once again, no quorum!

8. Meeting adjourned 9:15

Minutes respectfully submitted by Robert Hyams, secretary (for a day)