



Conservation Commission

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Meeting Minutes – November 13, 2018

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Attendees: Kate Kelly (calling in), Michael Bissonette, Meg Handler at 7:10 p.m., Bob Hyams

Guests: Dena Monahan

1. Call to Order - 7:00 p.m.

2. Additions/Deletions to agenda

Annual report to be talked by Mike later in meeting.

3. Natural resources inventory/mapping next steps

Finalize a budget request to the Select Board. Bob read the opening paragraph on the request document. Phase 1 is expected to cost \$6,500 to \$7,500 in order for the CC to hire the consultant. CC hopes to have this consultant start in July 2019. Phase 2 wouldn't necessarily start until the following budget year and is more of a refinement of the data ("boots on the ground"). Phase 1 gets us a usable product.

Proposals need to be to Renae prior to the November 21st. Letters of support need to go to Renae by Friday, December 7.

4. Winter Solstice gathering at Geprag's Park

Meg brought up the creation of this event on a yearly event. Winter Solstice is too close to Christmas. Conservation Commission is going to make it a full moon event on Sunday, February 10, 2019 at 5 p.m. Snow shoeing and bonfire.

5. Calendar

Using Google Calendar for the town to show scheduled meetings and other events. Hinesburg Record also has a calendar that also has most of the meetings already on a Google Calendar. Town could create one and HR could link into it. One member from each committee is responsible for posting ad, deleting events. Next steps: Kate is coordinating this effort among other chairs.

6. Geprags Park Dog

I have invited Lisa Cattabriga to our meeting at 7:45 p.m. She would like to talk about a dog park. 8:22 Lisa did not show.

7. Budget Discussion

Current budget update - Mike shared where we stand as of right now.
Next year's budget planning

Wahl quote for next year is estimated at \$1,932.50 based on only this year's work. This doesn't include the brush hogging that needs to be completed in 2020. Ask for \$2,000 for mowing.

\$200 for Education

\$200 for Supplies

Mike will check in to see which items we are responsible for i.e. Lewis Creek and Lake Iroquois Association. At our next meeting, CC will finalize our budget proposal.

8. Geprag's Park Habitat Work

James \$2,500 for shrubland habitat restorations pulling from the Vermont Gas. Bob made a motion to allocate \$2, 500 from Vermont Gas. Seconded by Meg. Motion passed.

9. Approval of Minutes

October 9th - Motion to approve. Approved by all.

10. Nature Notes

- Kate - Up on Colchester/Essex and looking for stream salamanders.
- Bob - Owl hanging out around house driving dog mad.
- Marie - Bard owl outside classroom at school.
- Meg - Went to VINS on Friday, for a workshop.
- Mike - Sugar lines are being eaten by animals.

11. Adjourn