



Conservation Commission

Town of Hinesburg
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Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, January 8, 2019 Hinesburg Town Hall, 3rd Floor Conference Room – 7:00 PM

CC Members Present: Mike Bissonette, Meg Handler, Marie Ayer, Kate Kelly, Bob Hyams

Guests: Barb Fourauer, Brian Collier

1. Call to order - 7:00 pm

2. Additions/Deletions to agenda - 7:05 pm

Mike wanted to add a dog park discussion to agenda.

3. Dog Park Discussion - 7:06 pm

Should the CC make a response to all the posts on Front Porch Forum. CC developed a statement that Mike will post on Front Porch Forum.

Discussion reopened when Barb arrived to chat about CC's reasons for denying the dog park. She asked a question about the leash laws in the town and whether dogs could be off leash in Geprags Park.

4. Budget/ Natural Resources Inventory/Mapping - 7:25 pm

Mike said the money for this is still in the budget for next year.

5. Winter Solstice Gathering at Geprag's - 7:25 pm

- Sunday, February 10th
- 3:30-5:00 Activities--Sledding, Horse Sleigh Riding Peggy Murray, Snowshoe Walks sponsored by the Trails Committee, Storywalk
- 5:00-7:00 Bonfire, hot chocolate--bring your own mug, hot dogs and buns

Marie will talk to Jen about getting the Rec Committee involved and seeing if they can help support. Marie will make a simple flyer. Meg will talk to Sarah at the library.

Meg proposed adding a new meeting on Tuesday, February 5th to plan the party.

6. Calendar Update - 7:50 pm

Kate is working on this and it will only be town committee. It will be shared with the Record.

7. Geprag's Park Habitat Work - 7:45 pm

In December some brush hogging took place when the ground was frozen.

8. Discussion: Goals For This Year - 7:52 pm

- Funding for the Resource Inventory is our top priority.
- Meg would like to work on the pollinator garden.
- Speaker in at the library? Fishing -- George

9. Approval of Minutes: November 13, 2019 - 8:20 pm

Meg made a motion to approve. Marie seconded and all approved.

10. Nature Notes - 8:25 pm

- Mike mentioned how cool it must have been to see bobcat in tree.
- Bob saw bobcat tracks out behind Kinney's Drugs in field. Owls are about.
- Brian watched the Bard Owl with his boys outside his house.
- Kate shared that prior to Christmas they went to New Haven and found lots of species out on the warm winter day.
- Marie shared a picture of a tree frog her family saw in the Bahamas.

11. Adjourn - 8:40 pm