



Conservation Commission

Town of Hinesburg

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Hinesburg Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 10, 2021

Conservation Commission members present: Robert Hyams, Darcie Mumley, Liz Doran, Kate Kelly
Members of the public present: Tobi Schulman, Nina Friscia, Barbara Forauer

1. Call to order 7:10 PM
2. Additions/Deletions to agenda – Geprags walk with VT Gas employees will be Aug. 18th at 5 PM.
3. Public Comment for non-agenda items – Tobi Schulman introduced herself.
4. Natural Resources Inventory press release – Bob suggested putting regular links in FPF in addition to a press release. Kate to ask Pam if there is a way to see how many people view the NRI map. Bob to create and send press release to the Citizen and the Record based on FPF post Liz created.
5. Lemay: is there anything that would limit development on future lots? Where is the proposed house placement? Kate to contact Mitch.

Farrell: driveway access to be on existing logging road – it crosses a stream a couple times, weaves around. How much are they planning to clear (to get a view)? DRB may limit envelope. Kate will continue to comment, and will estimate and point out the amount of core forest lost.

Laster: three phases – phase 3 is the most problematic one because it's in the core habitat/priority natural area. Trails also go through some steep areas. Would be good to move phase 3 down the hill, closer to phase 1 or 2. We will all send comments to Liz for her final amendments to the review form. Liz will send form to Mitch prior to DRB hearing Aug. 17. Kate and/or Darcie will attend that hearing.

6. RR1 – suggestions were made to amend the draft letter and recommendations Kate drafted. They included recommendations to edit the Conservation Subdivision Design section of subdivision regulations, and a wider discussion of which areas in Hinesburg are deserving of strong protections.

7. Wakeboats – tabled until when Meg can be at meeting
8. Education budget ideas – game cam? For library?
9. Review minutes of July 13, 2021
Liz made a motion to approve the minutes of July 13, 2021, Bob seconded, and motion passed with all in favor.
10. Nature Notes – bats on Oak Hill, grizzly bears in Alaska, vernal pool and fingernail clams with the Planning Commission.
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