



Conservation Commission

Town of Hinesburg

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Hinesburg Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 12, 2023

Present: Meg, Kate, Summer, Bill, Bob, Tobi

Public Present: Morgen Decker

1. Call to order – 7:00 PM
2. Nature Notes – 4 acre inundation thanks to beavers at Geprags
3. Additions/Deletions to agenda – add Vermont Association of Wetland Scientists visit to Geprags to document beaver impacts. All approved this visit.
4. Public Comment for non-agenda items – Morgen Decker raised concerns about request to Select Board regarding neighborhood designation in village growth area, which would make some developments exempt from Act 250. Members of the Commission agreed with the concern and agreed to attend upcoming Planning Commission and Selectboard meetings to weigh in.
5. FY25 budget request – discussion about Natural Resource Inventory budget items; decision to follow up with state wetlands folks regarding mapping, and to set another meeting in 2-3 weeks to finalize budget request.
6. Updates:
 - a. Education subcommittee – iNaturalist / beavers – would be great to have a public meeting at Geprags to discuss beavers and teach folks how to use iNaturalist
 - b. Watershed grant next steps (beaver mitigation) – proving difficult to find a site that has beaver conflict and needs mitigation. Bob will follow up with a FPF post.
 - c. Natural Resources Inventory – Bill helped get letters out to landowners for next phase of forest block visits by our consultant. Everyone will look at the spreadsheet and add their initials if they're willing to make phone calls to follow up.
7. Development review – reviewed the PR&R subdivision and need for a landscaping plan to shield the wildlife corridor. Bob will follow up on Act 250 hearing (Hinesburg Center 2).
8. Check-in re: CC activities & direction – delayed until next meeting
9. Review minutes of July 11 & August 1, 2023 – Meg made a motion to approve these minutes, and Bob seconded. All approved.
10. Adjourn 9:00 PM