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Huntington Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

3/8/2012

I. Call to order

Margaret Fowle called to order the regular meeting of the Huntington Conservation Commission at 7:10 on 3/8/2012

II. Roll call

Margaret Fowle conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Roman Livak, Cindy Sprague, Margaret Fowle, Julia Tabor, and Jim Sadler.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Minutes not available

IV. Open issues

a) Sugar Makers Open House

The open house is March 26th and the signs to advertise it are ready to be put out. The Times Ink has run all the necessary advertisements. Margaret says she is going to pick up a bundle of flyers to be distributed. Cindy is preparing to post an announcement on Front Porch Forum. Cindy wants to know if it is a good idea to post the event on the Conservation Commission website, Margaret recommends checking with Heidi first.

b) Salamander Crossings

The need to place signs by the roadsides where the salamanders migrate is discussed; the critical places are Gillette Pond, Sherman Hollow Rd, and Buells Gore. The HCC has decided to invest in slightly less expensive coreplast signs because the nicer more expensive versions are sometimes taken from the roadside as souvenirs.

c) Riparian Buffers

Roman thinks advertising via Front Porch Forum about the buffers could be a good step to take.

d) Justin Kinney of the Winooski Conservation Commission has perused the Huntington maps and identified areas where there *is* land owner information vs. areas where that information is not available. This will help the HCC identify whom to approach for riparian buffer presentations. He is also available for initial meetings to explain the buffers to potential program participants.

e) New Members

The HCC is actively seeking new members in the Huntington community. The Chairpersons position is currently on a rotational basis since Wally retired from the post.

V. New items

a) Hinesburg Conservation Commission's proposed alliance with neighboring towns to eradicate invasive species

The Vermont Invasives partnership in coordination with the USDA Forest Service and the town of Hinesburg has made contact with Margaret about joining with the HCC to combat invasive plants. Margaret has volunteered to go to the next meeting as a representative of the HCC, she will get in touch with Ginger Lubkowitz to make arrangements.

VI. Adjournment

Margaret Fowle adjourned the meeting at 9:03pm

Minutes submitted by: Julia Tabor

Minutes approved by: [Name]