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**Unapproved meeting minutes
Huntington Conservation Commission (HCC)
October 25, 2012**

Meeting began 7:08pm, adjourned at 9:05 pm

Commissioners in attendance: Cindy Sprague, JB Bryan, Roman Livak, Margaret Fowle. Absent: Jim Sadler.

Margaret called the meeting to order at 7:08pm

Review and approve minutes, review mail

- No minutes to approve
- HCC received a letter about a wetland crossing permit application for the Cusson property on Delfrate Rd.

Public questions and comments

- No public questions

Current Project Updates

- Maple Wind Farm conservation fund proposal – Maple Wind received all its requested funding, so the easement can go forward. Bruce and Beth hope to have completed the easement process by the end of the year.
- ECOS grant – a portion (\$40K of \$60K requested) was approved to enter the next round.
- Knotweed workshop
 - No attendees other than Margaret & Cindy
 - Learned quite a bit about knotweed characteristics, including its ability to increase erosion, how it pioneers new areas, etc.
 - Discussed the idea of holding a workshop for the Huntington Road Crew.
 - There is a grant possibility through the Better Back Rds program, which could potentially fund an eradication project on Beane Rd.
 - Roman motioned, and JB seconded that Cindy ask Barbara Elliott if we can apply for the grant. There was unanimous approval.

FY 2013/14 Budget

- Current budget – there is still money available to hire a clerk at approximately \$41/month.
- Members discussed level funding for 2013/14 with the exception of increasing the operating supplies budget by \$100.
- Roman made a motion that the HCC send a total budget for \$17,788 to the Selectboard. Cindy seconded. There was unanimous approval.
- The HCC also decided that there is no longer the need for a treasurer, since the budget

information is so easily accessible online. Margaret therefore no longer is the official treasurer.

Other Projects:

- Riparian Buffers/River Planting – Margaret corresponded with Justin Kenney at Winooski Valley Conservation District. They only planted on Betty Wheeler’s property last spring. There are other landowners that they plan to reach out to, and Margaret will let them know that the HCC can help.
 - Discussed having an informational talk at the library at the end of Jan/early Feb.
 - Margaret will confirm which dates the library is available and get back to Justin.
 - Margaret will remind Justin about needing a blurb that we can use for talking points in the FPF advertisement, Times Ink, and any other outreach.
- CSWD – the herbicide issue is still a problem. CSWD is looking at budgets for sorting systems.
- Town Plan
 - Margaret hasn’t had any luck connecting with Dana Cummings directly about a joint HCC HPC meeting. She will try reaching out to Ginger Lubkowitz.
 - There is a meeting on Nov 12 where conservation will be discussed as it relates to the town plan.
- Other projects
 - There was a discussion of revising the conservation goals, specifying a timeline (no less than 3 months) for application review, more clarity on how to interpret proposals, etc.
 - Susie Parsons, UVM student visited to discuss the possibility of helping the HCC on a project for her service learning class.
 - Projects need to contribute 20 hrs of service learning and should contribute in some way to the group she works with.
 - Susie was interested in helping with the town plan revision process
 - She can attend the Nov 12 mtg
 - She will determine where in the plan the HCC needs to comment
 - She will attend our next HCC meeting to discuss in further detail
 - Cindy will make sure she can obtain a copy of the town plan.

Winter Meeting Schedule:

- Next meeting: November 14, 7pm
- Dec – Feb meetings: 3rd Tuesdays of each month from 7pm – 9pm

Meeting Adjourned at 9:05pm.

Action Items:

- Cindy will look into Better Back Roads grant for knotweed project
- Margaret will complete the FY2013/14 budget page and send to Barbara Elliott
- Roman will talk with Heidi about advertising the clerk position
- Margaret will look into library availability for Justin Kenney talk this winter and discuss dates with Justin.
- Margaret will try to connect with Ginger Lubkowitz about the Town Plan revision
- Cindy will make sure Susie Parsons has a copy of the town plan.

Date unapproved minutes to town clerk:

October 29, 2012

Date approved minutes to town clerk:

January 9, 2013