



**Town of Huntington  
Huntington Conservation Commission (HCC) Meeting**

Thursday, 14 January 2016—7:00 pm

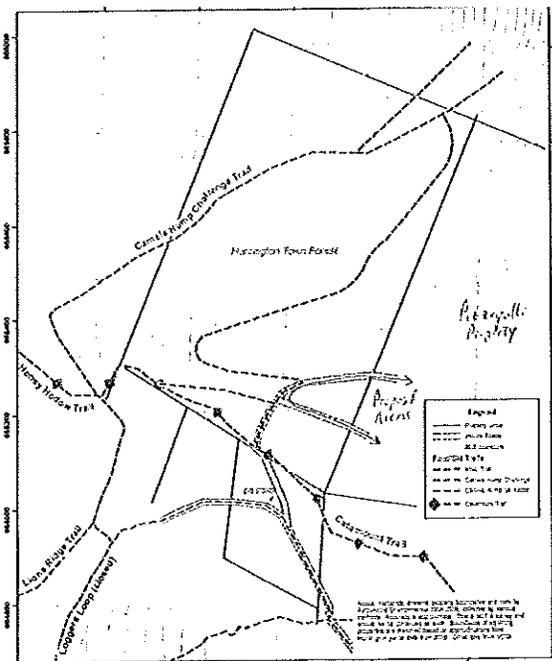
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*February 15, 2016*

<b>Agenda</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review and approve the December minutes, review mail</li> <li>• Public Comment</li> <li>• Access Request for Forest Management:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion with Andy Hutchinson , representing Remo Pizzagalli interest in gaining access through town forest to his land for logging and partnering with the town for addressing recommendation for limited logging in the town forest.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Town Forest Public Engagement Forum             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review Process to Sell Current Town Forest (Roman's information from Vermont Leagues of Cities and Towns )</li> <li>• Information on the Hinesburg Forest process (Rebecca)</li> <li>• Discussion of desired outcomes of a public forum</li> <li>• Discussion of what information to present to the forum such as possible properties for purchase – Discussion</li> </ul> </li> <li>• HCC Work Plan and Priorities             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recruitment of new members: Corrina Parnapy</li> <li>• Special Places Tour: Snowshoe and Tracking Tour – Do we need to do anything to promote this event.</li> <li>• Discuss Verification of Wildlife Coordinators: Next Steps?</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Annual Report, Budget, other outstanding agenda items, business or updates</li> <li>• Adjourn</li> <li>• Next Meeting : Thursday, February 11, 2016</li> </ul>
<b>Members present:</b>	Sheri Lynn (Co-Chair), Rebecca Ryan (Co-Chair), Jenna Whitson, and Roman Livak. Absent were Darlene Palola and JB Bryan.
<b>Staff/Officials present</b>	Terry Ryan, HCC Clerk
<b>Others present</b>	Andy Hutchinson, Forester working for Remo Pizzagalli; David Brautigam, President, Camels Hump Nordic Skiers Association
<b>Call to order</b>	Rebecca Ryan called the meeting to order at 19:05
<b>Approval of Minutes (10 December 2015) – MOTION</b>	<b>MOTION:</b> Livak motioned and Lynn seconded to approve the draft minutes of 10 December 2015, as submitted. Passed unanimously of members present.
<b>Mail</b>	VYCC postcard. No discussion

Public Comment	None
Agenda	Discussion
<p>• <b>Topic: Access Request for Forest Management:</b></p> <p><b>ACTION MOTION</b></p>	<p>Lynn invited Andy Hutchinson, Forester working for Remo Pizzagalli to discuss their desire to access the Town Forest for a logging equipment turnaround, as Pizzagalli is planning to log his adjacent property over the next two years. Pizzagalli provided a sketch map of the desired access (below) which is about a 1000 foot long log road. Douglas Edwards of Cambridge is the contracted logger. He has two years in which to execute.</p>  <p>Huntington Town Forest, 2008 Management Plan Recreation Trails Map Scale: 1 inch = 500 feet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Livak expressed some concerns about erosion. Hutchinson said the Vermont Best Practices for logging would be followed.</li> <li>• Lynn asked how long the work would take. Hutchinson thought a month or so but pointed out the logger has up to two years and the schedule is up to him.</li> <li>• Livak asked for the contract language to be supplied; Hutchinson said he would do so.</li> <li>• The concept of logging the Town Forest per its management plan was discussed; though the equipment will be up there, arranging a contract with the specific logger may be difficult.</li> <li>• <b>ACTION:</b> Livak wants to look at the location; January 30<sup>th</sup> at 1030 was agreed.</li> <li>• <b>MOTION:</b> Lynn motioned and Livak seconded, that the HCC recommends approving the access to the Selectboard. Passed unanimously of members present.</li> </ul> <p>David Brautigam and Andy Hutchinson discussed the effects of the logging on the CHNSA trails; after a brief discussion they left the meeting.</p> <p>HCC moved on in the Agenda.</p>
<p><b>Topic: Town Forest</b></p>	<p>Catamount Easement Update (Ryan) – no update, the Town lawyer has not yet reported. 3 months now.</p> <p>Review Process to Sell Current Town Forest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Livak discussed an email from the Vermont Leagues of Cities and Towns which stated the Town can sell the land with 30 days notice, so long as the Town does not put forth a petition</li> </ul>

<p><b>ACTION</b></p>	<p>objecting to it.</p> <p>Information on the Hinesburg Forest process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ryan reported she had not been able to contact anyone regarding the Hinesburg Town Forest; she will investigate further.</li> </ul> <p>Discussion of desired outcomes of a public forum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Livak noted that we have a Town Forest we cannot readily access; should it be sold and if so should another area be purchased; these are the questions.</li> <li>• Whitson expressed concern about not having enough definition to keep a public forum focused.</li> <li>• Lynn advised limiting the scope to should we sell the forest and put the proceeds aside for a new entity (forest, trail, park, other) as the meeting discussion.</li> <li>• After discussion, it was agreed to have a public meeting in lieu of the HCC 14 April meeting.</li> <li>• <u>ACTION</u>: Lynn agreed to write a short announcement about this, to be promulgated at Town Meeting.</li> <li>• Livak provided a list of existing Huntington properties over 100 acres, and a brief map study, to give the HCC members some idea of what may be possible for a replacement property.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Topic: HCC Work Plan and Priorities</b></p>	<p>Recruitment of new members: Corrina Parnapy. She has not been in contact. Bill Mening was suggested as another possible member.</p> <p>Special Places Tour: Snowshoe and Tracking Tour (Ryan) – the 10 January snowshoe nature walk was cancelled and has being rescheduled to 24 January. HCC had previously agreed to subsidize Huntingtonians to participates, up to \$65 to support this event.</p> <p>Discuss Verification of Wildlife Coordinators: Tabled.</p> <p>Review and update Work Plan: Need to add grants, and interface with other Town boards, to the Plan.</p>
<p><b>Annual Report, Budget, other</b></p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  <p>CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT</p> </div> <p>Annual Report was submitted 13 Jan.</p> <p>Margaret Taft had asked the HCC to discuss the annual sugar makers' open house date; some unresolved discussion.</p>
<p><b>Adjourn MOTION</b></p>	<p><u>MOTION</u>: Livak moved and Ryan seconded to adjourn the meeting at 2100. Passed unanimously.</p>
	<p>11 February 2016 – Next Meeting date  19 January 2016 – Draft/unapproved minutes sent to Town Clerk for website posting  TBD – Final/approved minutes approved  TBD – Approved minutes sent to Town Clerk for recording &amp; website posting</p>