

Village of Hamburg Environmental Conservation Commission
Minutes of Meeting
Tuesday, February 7, 2023
Hamburg Village Hall, 100 Main St., Hamburg, NY 14075

Present: Commission Members: Village Board Liaison - Holly Park, Chair- Adrienne Punturiero, Andy Schrauth, Mike Reilly, Kim Bourke

Excused: Stuart Wheaton, Kathryn Walsh, Mary Mack

Climate Smart Communities Initiative

- CSC application is almost ready to be submitted, Natural Resources Inventory (NRI) is the last document to be prepared
- Andy passed out printed drafts of the NRI to committee members to review, edit and return to Andy so he can amend the document as needed
- We will try to have the NRI document and the rest of the CSC application submitted in February
- Next, quick and unofficial, meeting will take place on Feb 16th to finalize CSC documents and talk about “next steps” in the CSC initiative

Tom Collins Plaque

- Plaque proofs are ready
- ACTION: Maple tree needs to be ordered, Holly will email Mark Shuttleworth about the tree
- ACTION: Tom’s family needs to be contacted, so they can review the proofs, Stu will take care of this

Budget

- No trash cans need replacing or refurbishing, however some may need new liners, we may need to purchase more.
- ACTION: Adrienne will look into how many liners need to be purchased, and their cost
- Butt Kickers Ash Cups are a no go, as the DPW is unwilling to regularly empty them
- 30 businesses already have cigarette receptacles outside that they take care of (empty) themselves
- Does Mark Shuttleworth want the experimental one outside Main Street Ice Cream removed?
- Any other ways we can spend budget money?
 - Something for Now Mow May?
 - Dandelion contest?

No Mow May

- Need to write up a proposal that will appeal to the village
- ACTION: Holly and Kathryn will work on this document and presentation to the board

BIRD SANCTUARY

Bird Sculpture

- ACTION: Adrienne will find out which Saturday/weekend in June will work for the carving artist
- Should we think about doing a Sanctuary clean up during the carving time?

Bridge

- How do we find grant money to build this bridge?
- Some Community Foundation of Greater Buffalo grant might make sense
- ACTION: Kim will look into the CFGB grants
- How do we/can we apply for the NYS Downtown Revitalization Initiative?

- Where does the Hamburg Rec program receive their grants from?

Nature Play Area

- Should this be located on both sides of 18 mile creek?
- Is there a legal reason we couldn't construct something within the sanctuary? How do we find this out?
- Is it worth looking into getting the sanctuary designated as a certified wildlife habitat, by NWF, or Audubon?

Next meeting date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at Hamburg Village Hall

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Bourke