

# VILLAGE OF HAMBURG ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

## MINUTES OF MEETING

Wednesday, October 9, 2013; 7PM

Hamburg Village Hall, 100 Main St., Hamburg, NY 14075

**Present:**           **Commission Members:** Chair - Adrienne Punturiero, Tom Collins, Andy Schrauth  
**Village Board Liaison:** Mark Colmeraurer

**Excused:**           Stuart Wheaton, Dan Riker, Tim McDonald, Edwin Drabek

**Guest:**             Sam, regarding Eagle Scout Project

### **Potential Eagle Scout Project**

Sam is attending the meeting regarding his interest in doing an Eagle Scout project at the Anna Mae Bacon Bird Sanctuary. He heard background on the site and we discussed thoughts on what would be appropriate for the park. To achieve his Eagle Scout, Sam must present his idea (in written form as well), have it approved, perform the task and write a project documentation. He is planning on completing his project this spring.

### **Business Recycling**

- Adrienne Punturiero is to contact the Village Business Advisory Council regarding reaching out to local businesses to encourage them to participate in the Village's recycling program

### **Garbage Totes/Lifting Mechanism Grant**

- Village has applied for the grant that has \$1.5 million funds available
- Any grant monies received would require a 50% match by the Village

### **Tree Management Plan**

Marc Shuttleworth is applying for a grant regarding Village trees and developing a tree management plan. He requires a narrative from this commission of what is desired (i.e. vision statement, table of contents, general goals, etc.):

- Vision Statement – “The tree management plan is to provide guidance to maintain the Village as a sustainable, forested municipality”
- Draft Table of Contents
  - Executive Summary (Conclusions and Recommendations)
  - Introduction (Benefits of an Urban Forest)
  - Purpose of Plan (Program, Policies and Regulations)
  - Existing Conditions (Tree Inventory, Village Public Space and Current Assessment)
  - Community Stewardship (Public Education, Awareness and Outreach)
  - Management (Strategy and Operations)
  - Maintenance (Recommended Protocol and Planting Guidance)
  - Implementation (Funding Opportunities and Next steps)
- Plan will be able to do the following actions:
  - To manage and sustain a diverse, healthy, safe and appealing public street and park tree canopy in the village
  - To promote a functional and ecologically balanced forest that consists of a diverse mix of native and non invasive tree species to best stand up to various stressors, including climate change
  - To support an urban forest that is compatible with other aspects of village life, while minimizing maintenance costs
  - To track the benefits to the Village of a robust tree community
  - To provide a rationale for decision making regarding management of the urban forest

*Next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, November 13, 2013.*

Respectfully submitted,



Andrew Schrauth