

VILLAGE OF HAMBURG ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MEETING

Wednesday, September 14, 2011; 7PM

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

Present: **Commission Members:** Edwin Drabek, Tim McDonald, Adrienne Punturiero, Jennifer Rodgers, Andy Schrauth

Village Board Liaison: Mark Colmeraurer

Excused: Tom Collins, Dan Riker, Stuart Wheaton

Proposed Hamburg Village Agricultural Committee

- Jeff Leyonmark and Ann Hartwig presented:
 - introductory meeting with an overview regarding animal and fowl permits;
 - request for consideration for the HVAC to be a Subcommittee of the Environmental Conservation Commission
- Village has a Fowl Permit in place, but the HVAC proposes:
 - crafting the Village Code to have checks and balances for the next permit;
 - a mediation process before enforcement;
 - completing guidelines for use as a first step in processing complaints.

Tree Management Plan

- Brief recap of the \$6,583 grant awarded from NYSDEC
- Guest: Marc Shuttleworth, DPW Superintendent
- Discussion:
 - Grants need to be spent a certain way
 - First step – tree inventory – contact Cornell School of Horticulture
 - Once tree inventory is complete, we will have an action plan
 - Develop long-range plan
 - Plan should be sustained with or without our commission
 - Tree list to be prepared by Ed Drabek
 - Tree list needs to be a “living document” – constantly updated and reviewed
 - DPW wants the ability to replace trees without going through our commission
 - Need for:
 - method of updating – database (Excel) for access of DPW
 - yearly review – visual – can see infestations and diseases – must be brought to an expert
 - tracking forms
 - Possibility for DPW employee to take a class on trees
 - Request more funding from State
 - Planting – focus on requests first
 - Concentrate on tree canopy
 - Contact Re-Tree WNY
 - Agreement on new plan providing better service to residents

- For next meeting:
 - Think about sections for the plan;
 - Each commission member to be responsible for a section (policy, guidelines, etc.).

Next regularly scheduled meeting is October 12, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Adrienne Punturiero