

# VILLAGE OF HAMBURG ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

## *MINUTES OF MEETING*

*Wednesday, February 8, 2012; 7PM*

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

**Present:**      **Commission Members:** Tom Collins, Adrienne Punturiero, Andy Schrauth, Stuart Wheaton

**Village Board Liaison:** Mark Colmeraurer

**Excused:**      Edwin Drabek, Dan Riker, Jennifer Rodgers, Tim McDonald

### **Tree Management Plan:**

- Forecon, Inc. was recommended by Cornell for professional arborist services:
  - Their cost is \$25,000 for entire service, or
  - \$9,700 for tree inventory alone (we would supply one-half from our grant)
  - Mark will request an hourly breakdown of services
  - We will research other alternatives
- Forecon, Inc. proposal made up of three phases:
  - Phase I – Tree Inventory:
    - Inventory trees and all vacant planting sites, each logged in with GPS, including data such as:
      - species
      - diameter
      - insect infestation, disease, etc.
      - structural defects
      - cultural damage
      - sidewalk damage
      - appraised value for each tree
  - Phase II:
    - Management planning
    - Recommendations for tree species
  - Phase III:
    - TreeWorks software program – it is an extension of ArcGIS software, so the Village would need to purchase this software in addition to Forecon's services
    - Supply Policy & Procedures
- A Geographical Information System (GIS) would be beneficial for the Village. Grants are available.
- Mark will review our grant's language to determine if a GIS can be purchased.

### **Anna Mae Bacon Bird Sanctuary:**

- Chris Snyder, of Imagine Hamburg, has offered the group's support as their project this year:
  - spring trail clean up (will need woodchips – DPW can provide)
  - possible entrance arch

**Proposed Foot Bridge:**

- Revisit our previous research done for the bridge from the Overlook to Bird Sanctuary.

**Tree Planting:**

- Requests to be fulfilled this spring, with planting in March or April.

**Recycling:**

- Mark reported that since the Village switched to the new recycling company, Buffalo Recycling, landfill costs were reduced by \$7,000 in 2011.

**Paper Recycling:**

- Adrienne sent a letter in January, 2012, to American Greetings Company regarding all unsold cards and envelopes from our local stores being thrown in the garbage and not recycled;
  - offered suggestions for re-use or donation;
  - proposed a possible program, coordinated by our commission, linking them with local schools, who earn money for recycled paper.

**Vacant Lot at Main and Buffalo (next to 12 Main - old Kronenberg Building):**

- Mark reported that the Village Board would like our commission to suggest ideas on what to do with this space - particularly Andy, our landscape architect.
- Review ideas at our next meeting.

*Next regularly scheduled meeting is March 14, 2012.*

Respectfully submitted,

Adrienne Punturiero