

VILLAGE OF HAMBURG ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MEETING

Wednesday, May 9, 2012; 5:30 PM

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

Present: **Commission Members:** Tom Collins, Edwin Drabek, Adrienne Punturiero, Andy Schrauth,

Excused: Dan Riker, Stuart Wheaton, Tim McDonald, Jennifer Rodgers
Village Board Liaison: Mark Colmeraurer

Tree Management Plan/Grant:

- It was recalled that Cornell was not able to do the work in the time frame for our grant, and Forecon, Inc. was recommended by them.

- Reviewed a breakdown of the hours estimated by Forecon in their proposal:
 - Inventory - \$9,700:
 - 110 hours in the field inventory each tree;
 - 33 hours administration time;
 - 1360 miles for the entirety of the project.
 - Management Plan Development - \$5,100:
 - 69 hours in the office.
 - Policy Plan - \$5,000:
 - 51 hours in the office and attending meetings;
 - 420 hours for the entirety of the project.

- Several questions/concerns were brought up:
 - Ed's concerns:
 - Were any other companies contacted for an estimate for the work - such as Wendell, Robinson or Davey (he wasn't sure if the last two are still doing these types of jobs), as the mileage cost would not be so high, (Forecon listed 1360 miles for entire project)?;
 - Does the charge for mileage start when they get to the village, and not portal to portal?
 - If this would be a walking survey (best way to do it?), why a mileage charge? Ed surveyed the whole village in his car - 75 miles (there are 23 miles in the village).
 - Do we have any references for Forecon from prior projects they completed? (Andy will do a search)
 - Would giving Forecon our base survey that we already have help them & save us money?
 - What do we actually need to decide soon - just whether we want Forecon to do tree inventory for \$9,700?

- Has the Village Board agreed to pay for half, as the other half would be paid for by our grant? (It was mentioned that we previously decided not to have the Management Plan Development and Policy Plan done by an outside company.)
- Do we know yet if the grant money can be used to purchase a GIS for the village? If so, would it be feasible to hire a few local people to physically do the survey? (The village has 3,000 trees.)
- What is the time limit on the grant? And must all of the work (paid for out of the grant money) be done by that date or just contracted for?
- Andy is concerned with how to prevent trees (especially newly planted trees) from being damaged because of lawn mowing/weed whacking too close to base of trees.

Anna Mae Bacon Bird Sanctuary:

- Date for trail maintenance to be scheduled – coordinate with “Imagine Hamburg” for a date in June.

*Next regularly scheduled meeting- Wednesday, June 13, 2012
(May be canceled in lieu of Anna Mae Bacon Bird Sanctuary trail clean-up in June)*

Respectfully submitted,

Adrienne Punturiero