

# VILLAGE OF HAMBURG ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

## MINUTES OF MEETING

Wednesday, February 11, 2015; 7:00 PM

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

**Present:**       **Commission Members:** Chair - Adrienne Punturiero; Stuart Wheaton, Tom Collins, Tim McDonald, Andy Schrauth  
**Village Board Liaison:** Mark Colmerauer

**Excused:**       Dan Riker, Edwin Drabek

### Overlook/Bird Sanctuary Projects:

- Foot bridge across creek at Overlook - Stuart Wheaton will get information from Charlie Stickman who was involved with placement of bridges for Erie County (bridges were wood decked with an aluminum frame)
- Bat Houses - Stuart Wheaton said there is potential to get Boy Scout Troop 409 to build/install bat houses at sanctuary as they are interested in doing a project; NYS DEC has specs. on bat houses; Tift Farm always have people looking to do projects
- Mark Colmerauer said Marc Shuttleworth would be able to deliver pea gravel or boulders if we obtain materials
- Tim McDonald to follow up with contact of Buffalo News writer, Gerry Rising to find group to act as stewards and oversee the park
- Discussed potential to plant more trees in the sanctuary - best to leave meadow as a habitat, but able to plant native trees in forested area while removing invasive tree species

### Solar Panels on Village Municipal Buildings:

- Mark Colmerauer spoke with the Village Board and they will look into it; may consider larger 'farm' versus individual buildings; Tom Collins brought in an NRG Home Solar Information bulletin

### Village Recycling:

- Garbage Totes - funding of matching grant not yet awarded; cost to supply probably less than originally expected; use of totes may allow bi-weekly or other labor/cost savings
- Business Recycling - board still considering best way to get feedback from businesses regarding recycling
- Festivals - organizers are responsible for having recycling containers at events (DPW only 'picks-up' after the event; potential to collect recycling materials as part of a fundraiser during the event
- Noted clothing can be recycled into insulation; styrofoam can be recycled, but isn't because not yet cost effective; shrink wrapped bottles need outside plastic removed in order for scanners to read plastic type, allowing it to be recycled

### Other:

- Adrienne Punturiero to email Environmental Commission Members information on light bulbs (types and efficiencies)
- Discussed Sun editorial about Southtown's planning and environmental boards and a potential response to it

*Next regularly scheduled meeting - Wednesday, March 11, 2015, 7:00 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Andrew Schrauth", with a long horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the signature.

Andrew Schrauth