

Village of Hamburg Environmental Conservation Commission  
Minutes of Meeting  
Tuesday, October 7, 2025  
Hamburg Village Hall, 100 Main St., Hamburg, NY 14075

**Present:** Chair- Adrienne Punturiero, Village Liaison - Holly Park, Kim Bourke, Kathryn Walsh, Stu Wheaton, Gerry Stockmeyer, Marissa Watkins

**Excused:** Andy Schrauth,

**Absent:** Mike Reilly

**Guests:** n/a

**General notes:**

- Village Newsletter story is due 9/29, Holly wrote the article and submitted it to Mary McKee with photos (letter focused on the grant money we received as part of the Clean Energy Communities to get new electronic landscape equipment for Parks and Rec, and a new Ford Lightening for the DPW)
- Erie County EMC Funds still available to us - up to \$1000 (Trees, trash receptacles, recycling bins for municipal buildings) - Matt Bourke says that these funds have been claimed already by other groups
- Ideas for downtown area for upcoming grant applications
  - Mini amphitheater at overlook park?
- Another large batch of fabric from Aul's Upholstery saved from landfill (by Adrienne); distributed to community
- Overlook path - a portion of the path from the Overlook down to the creek was cleared
- NYCOM's Energy & Environment Webinar Series
  - Kim emailed out information about this webinar series, as she thought some in the group might be interested.
- Radiant sidewalk heat affecting trees?
  - Email Nate Morey (Region 9 DEC Forster) about this [morey@dec.ny.gov](mailto:morey@dec.ny.gov)

**Budget:** - Balance as of 10/7 - **\$5,058**

Purchases this past month included two signs for the new recycling bin at the Community Center playground (\$60.55), and a second generator for the Enchanted Forest Event (\$429.00)

**Bird Sanctuary:**

- Enchanted Forest Walk
  - Kat is working through spending her \$1500, she purchased a second battery pack for \$429, and plans to purchase a second set of hanging bistro lights for \$680.
  - Kat has all the lighting placement mapped out

- The group discussed setting up earlier (to avoid setting up in the cold/snow) Date was set for Saturday, November 15 at 10:00am
- Water Hemlock
  - Village Board passed a resolution to close off the trail (DPW will complete this task).
  - Gerry will plan to discuss payment to ECOS Cooperative with Jason Cozza to make sure management of the plant is set for the spring.
- Black locust mitigation
  - The first step will be to keep an eye on the PRISM Field Crew Assistance Program and apply for them to handle the management of the large trees and suckers next summer. Applications for the Field Crew Program are active in January.
- Kiosk - bulletin board; plaque
  - Gerry stained the new kiosk, and it looks great!
  - The plaque recognizing the work of Eagle Scout, Sam Lafko, and the donors to make the project possible was installed.
  - No updates on the map that will hang on the kiosk, it is still being made, but should be delivered to us on a thumb drive (or some equivalent file storage device) so that we can print it on whatever material and in whatever size we would like
  - Gerry priced out the message boards, the group agreed to have him go ahead and purchase a 24" X36" board for \$658 + shipping

### **Recycling:**

- Bottles/cans receptacle for playground - delivered; waiting on signs
  - Gerry placed the new recycling receptacle at the the Community playground, Kat will coordinate with Tricia Miller to get cans picked up, and make sure the placement of the bin is ok with Josh Haeick.
- Recycling bins in municipal buildings - CS subcommittee to tackle?
  - Holly still needs to discuss with the Mayor the formation of a Climate Smart Subcommittee to make sure it is "good to go"
- Tour of Modern Recycling facility?
  - Holly is waiting to hear back from Modern
  - Group discussed the need to update the "Recycle This" page on the Village website - it is quite outdated. But we need info from Modern before we do this. (Is there info in the Village's Contract with Modern?)
- Adrienne has not hear back from Glass Half Full yet.

### **Climate Smart/Clean Energy Community:**

- Photos of Recreation Dept/DPW new electric equipment/truck for social media
  - Holly did get these photos, can we get the up on Social Media?!
- Subcommittee - Climate Smart Task Group
  - Sill needs to be approved by Mayor

**Trees:**

- ReTree ordered 18 trees this yr; volunteers planting on 11/8 (demonstration (Andy) at 11am)
- Village will be planting 35 trees this yr; Andy assisted with speaking to residents and ordering, as always
- Volcano mulching continues to be a problem
  - Does DPW mulch the tree squares on Main St? If so, can we get them to stop?
- Tree Board to be established?

**Compost:**

- Still looking for location, can we get Roofs by Bryan or Village Yoga to confirm their parking lots as a site for the compost drop-off?

**NEXT MTG DATE:** Tuesday, 11/4/25, 6:30pm, village hall

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Bourke