

Village of Hamburg Environmental Conservation Commission
Minutes of Meeting
Tuesday, December 2, 2025
Hamburg Village Hall, 100 Main St., Hamburg, NY 14075

Present: Chair- Adrienne Punturiero, Village Liaison - Holly Park, Kim Bourke, Andy Schrauth, Gerry Stockmeyer, Marissa Watkins, Mike Reilly

Excused: Kathryn Walsh, Stu Wheaton

Absent: n/a

Guests: n/a

General Notes

- The article that Holly wrote for the annual Village Newsletter about the commission was great!
- Mike Reilly discussed the Hamburg Sunrise Rotary sponsoring a Village event. He isn't sure on the amount of money though. Some ideas discussed were a concrete pad for the wooden sculpture at the bird sanctuary, hosting a Dare to Repair event, a composting program, or village benches
- Kim will reached out to our DEC Region 9 Forester, Nate Morey, but as of the meeting is still waiting for a response about the impacts of heated sidewalks on street trees
- Another large batch of fabric from Sans Furniture saved from landfill; distributed to community
- Holly (and/or Adrienne) will try to set our 2026 Dare to Repair event at the library for August 22nd, with a back up date for August 29th.
- Bausch & Lomb has a free recycling program for a wide variety of eye care products (tiny dropper bottles, contact cases, contacts, etc). Boxes for this recycling program can be found at most eye doctor's offices.
- The group discussed the Terracycle All-in-one Zero Waste Box for potential use at Village Hall to promote recycling of otherwise difficult to recycle products. They are on the expensive side (\$664 for a large box (14.5" x 14" x 34.5")). Kim will keep an eye on sales on the Terracycle website.
- Marissa brought up the idea of using the quiet time of the year (Jan/Feb) to do an educational outreach event. Possible topics could be "going dark" at night especially during bird migration, the importance of native plants, recycling, etc.

Budget

- Budget as of 12/2/2025 is \$3,038.13.
- Gerry is going to get a quote from ECOS cooperative to manage the Black Locust and/or the Japanese Knotweed in the bird sanctuary

Bird Sanctuary

- Enchanted Forest Walk
 - Kat will create a sign-up for coordination of battery pick up and drop off during the event
 - Kat will explore offering some sort of partnership with Village restaurants (maybe Main Street Ice Cream?)
 - Next year, we will plan to use the library display box for advertise the Enchanted forest event.
- The torn down old kiosk will stay down at the entrance until next spring. Our group will need to plan to bring it up to the road for the large trash week in March
- It was agreed that we should add a “No Dumping” sign at the kiosk to hopefully keep people from dumping their yard waste down there - That is often how invasive species spread!
- The entrance rock was discussed again, the group will continue to consider alternative options for blocking car access down into the sanctuary (something easier than having to move a big boulder back and forth to allow access).

Recycling

- Recycling bins in municipal buildings - CS subcommittee to tackle?
 - Tabled
- Tour of Modern Recycling facility - Nov/Dec
 - Adrienne, Holly, and Kim toured the Modern Recycling Facility in S. Buffalo on 12/2/2025. The tour was great we learned a lot and will plan to update the recycling page on the Village website with new info from Modern.
 - We were told to continue to put glass into the recycling stream, even though it isn't always being recycled.

Trees

- This topic was mostly table at this meeting, although the idea of having re-Tree transition into a “Tree Board” for the Village was discussed. Could we get them some sort of budget though?

Compost

- No Update

Erie County EMC

- No updates from Matt Bourke

NEXT MTG DATE: Tuesday, **1/6/26**, 6:30pm, Village Hall

Respectfully Submitted,
Kimberly Bourke