



TOWN OF HUDSON

Conservation Commission



Randy Brownrigg, Chairman

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DATE: February 11, 2019

MEETING MINUTES: Below is a listing of minutes for the Hudson Conservation Commission. Minutes are not a verbatim record of each meeting, but rather represent a summary of the discussion and actions taken at the meeting. All Conservation Commission meetings are televised live and repeated during the following week on HCTV, Cable Television Channel 22. Official copies of the minutes are available to read and copy at the Town Engineer's Office during regular business hours (Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.).

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A regular meeting of the Hudson Conservation Commission (HCC) was held in the Board of Selectmen Conference Room of Town Hall.

Roll Call

Randy Brownrigg Chairman <u> X </u>	Brett Gagnon Vice-Chair <u> X </u>	Elliott Veloso Secretary <u> X </u>	William Collins Member <u> X </u>
Michael Tsu Member <u> E </u>	Michael Drouin Member <u> X </u>	Ken Dickinson Member <u> X </u>	Paula Hubert Alternate <u> X </u>
Jennifer Parkhurst Alternate <u> X </u>	David Morin Select. Rep. <u> E </u>	Elvis Dhima Town Staff <u> E </u>	

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Call to Order

Called to Order at 7:01 P.M. by Chairman Randy Brownrigg

Seating of Alternates

None.

Public Input Related to Non-Agenda Items.

Chairman Brownrigg informed the commission that Mr. Tsu was resigning as a member because he was moving to Virginia. Chairman Brownrigg stated to Mr. Tsu on behalf of the commission its gratitude for his service, and offered him support and all the best in his future endeavors. Chairman Brownrigg informed the commissioners that with Mr. Tsu's resignation a new member position had opened up for a permanent member of the commission, and that the town's website had instructions to submit an application.

None.

I. OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion on Guertin Parcel and Merrill Park.

Mr. Drouin discussed his walk on the state side and noted the location of a trail. Mr. Drouin suggested establishing a subcommittee to inquire regarding the potential acquisition of the Guertin Parcel. Mr. Collins expressed concern about having too many subcommittees. Chairman Brownrigg expressed his desire to not spread out the subcommittees too thin, and noted that the Commission was already dealing with many issues. Chairman Brownrigg suggested that the next steps would be to go out again and mark locations for a new trail, with or without GPS, and map it out. Then at the next meeting the commissioners could discuss scheduling another site walk and potential scope of work.

A site walk was scheduled at the Guertin Parcel for February 23, 2019 at 9:00 AM.

For more information, please refer to the meeting recording on HCTV-ch22.

B. Discussion on Merrill Park Progress/Subcommittee Meetings.

Mr. Collins requested that this matter be differed for discussion to the April meeting. Chairman Brownrigg granted the request with no objections.

C. Update on Tools

Chairman Brownrigg noted that all new tools had been accounted for except for the protective gear. A representative for the company from which the tools had been purchased had not yet responded to Mr. Brownrigg's inquires for a training session. When he does, a training session will be scheduled with the Conservation Commission and town employees for the proper use of the equipment.

D. Discussion on letter to Bureau of Right of Way regarding recreational use of Circ. Hwy. land.

Mrs. Parkhurst held a presentation to the commissioners of her proposed letter to the New Hampshire's Bureau of Right of Way regarding options and procedures to seek alternative land use for the Circumferential Highway land parcels. Mrs. Parkhurst discussed her research and the two options available regarding the land: request land disposal, or request land use permission. Mrs. Parkhurst discussed how other NH communities, such as Conway, had pursued similar options regarding similar land in its town and was able to create and promote conservation projects. The commissioners expressed support and interest in pursuing these options and inquired regarding next

steps. Mrs. Parkhurst stated that the next step would be to contact the Bureau of Right of Way to inform them of the Conservation Commission's interest and intentions.

Mrs. Parkhurst presented the commission with a proposed draft of a letter to the Bureau of Right of Way requesting an alternative land use consideration for the state-owned land parcels associated with the Circumferential Highway Project. Mr. Veloso suggested edits to the letter. Mrs. Parkhurst and the other commissioners were supportive of the proposed edits.

Motion made to approve and submit the letter with amendments to the Bureau of Right of Way, subject to Chairman Brownrigg's approval.

Motion by: Brett Gagnon
Seconded by: William Collins

Vote: For: 7 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. Guest Speaker – Paul Gagnon to discuss purchasing and sales agreements on open space land.

Mr. Paul Gagnon of the Pelham Conservation Commission was invited to discuss how the Pelham Conservation Commission pursued purchasing land parcels in furtherance of promoting conservation land. The commissioners discussed various approaches the Pelham Conservation Commission took to purchase land for conservation purposes. Mr. Paul Gagnon discussed how the town funded its purchases and how to develop local support for such expenditures. Mr. Paul Gagnon discussed how the Pelham Conservation Commission pursued appraisals, the mechanics of purchase and sales agreements, and the implication of fee simple arraignments. Mr. Paul Gagnon discussed the differences between Pelham's Forestry Commission, which focuses on maintaining town property, and its Conservation Commission, which focuses on acquisition of property. Mr. Paul Gagnon discussed ways in which to encourage public engagement.

The commissioners thanked Mr. Paul Gagnon for coming to the meeting and providing the information. The commissioners expressed their appreciation for the advice Mr. Paul Gagnon provided. Mr. Paul Gagnon expressed support for the Conservation Commission's efforts and offered support and advice should it be requested in the future.

For more information, please refer to the meeting recording on HCTV-ch22.

III. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

IV. FINANCIAL STATUS

The Commissioners discussed financial status.

For more information, please refer to the meeting recording on HCTV-ch22.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Brownrigg noted one piece of correspondence: a New Hampshire Lakes at Statehouse publication.

VI. Approval of Minutes

A. January 14, 2019 - Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion to accept January 14, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes as amended.

Motion by: William Collins

Seconded by: Brett Gagnon

Vote: For: 7 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0

B. January 16, 2019 – Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

Motion to accept January 16, 2019 Subcommittee Meeting Minutes as amended.

Motion by: Brett Gagnon

Seconded by: William Collins

Vote: For: 7 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0

VII. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Chairman Brownrigg noted that for the next meeting the commissioners should look at other issues that should either be deferred or planed out for future scheduling. Chairman Brownrigg proposed that the following projects be planned out for the future: 1) constructing a bridge in the Musquash Pond area, 2) arrainging a trash pickup day on town forest property and to make it a volunteer day for the town's citizens, 3) Conservation Commission website improvements.

Chairman Brownrigg wants on the agenda for the next meeting the McNaulty Appraisal Report for non-public session.

Mrs. Parkhurst discussed upcoming hikes in the Town's forests.

Mrs. Hubert congratulated Mrs. Parkhurst for her presentation.

Mr. Veloso wished Mr. Tsu the best.

Mr. Drouin expressed interest pursuing the Guertin Parcel and other lands in the town for conservation purposes.

Mr. Gagnon informed the commission of flyers made in support of Article 19 and 21, updated the status at the Kimball Hill Forest, provided to Mr. Dickinson a certificate honoring his former service as Chairman of the Conservation Commission, and inquired about Robert's Rules of Order.

A motion was made to adjourn:

Motion by: Brett Gagnon

Seconded by: Jennifer Parkhurst

Vote: For: 7 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0

Meeting Adjourned at 8:58 P.M.



Elliott Veloso, Secretary