



TOWN OF HUDSON

Conservation Commission



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DATE: March 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.).

Should you have any questions concerning these minutes or wish to see the original recording, please contact the Town Engineer's Office at (603)-886-6008.

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 X

Brett Gagnon
Vice-Chair X

Elliott Veloso
Secretary X

William Collins
Member X

Michael Drouin
Member X

Ken Dickinson
Member E

Paula Hubert
Alternate E

Jennifer Parkhurst
Alternate X

David Morin
Select. Rep. E

Elvis Dhima
Town Staff E

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Call to Order

Called to Order at 7:03 P.M. by Chairman Randy Brownrigg

Seating of Alternates

Jennifer Parkhurst was seated as an alternate at 7:04 P.M.

Public Input Related to Non-Agenda Items.

None.

I. OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion on Guertin Parcel and Merrill Park.

A discussion of the Merrill Park subcommittee was deferred to April.

Mr. Gagnon discussed his walk and hike of the Guertin Parcel. Rough markings of the location of possible trails was noted. Mr. Gagnon stated his desire for Mr. Drouin to like to developing trail markings. Mr. Gagnon expressed his hope that work on the trail could be completed by this year.

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.

A discussion of the Merrill Park subcommittee was deferred to April.

C. Discussion on recreational use of Circ. Hhy. land.

Chairman Brownrigg moved this matter to Commission Comments for further discussion.

II. NEW BUSINESS

None.

III. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

IV. FINANCIAL STATUS

The Commissioners discussed financial status. No major expenditures noted.

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

V. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Brownrigg noted the receipt of one piece of correspondence: L-Chip site walks which garnered a donation/grant.

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

VI. Approval of Minutes

A. February 11, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion to accept February 11, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Motion by: Brett Gagnon
Seconded by: Jennifer Parkhurst

Vote: For: 6 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0

B. January 30, 2019 and February 27, 2019– Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

Motion to accept January 30, 2019 Merrill Park Subcommittee Meeting Minutes.

Motion by: Brett Gagnon
Seconded by: Jennifer Parkhurst.

Vote: For: 6 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion to accept February 27, 2019 Merrill Park Subcommittee Meeting Minutes.

Motion by: Brett Gagnon
Seconded by: Jennifer Parkhurst.

Vote: For: 5 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 1

VII. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Mrs. Parkhurst discussed a conversation she had with Chris Wills of the Piscataquog Land Conservancy. Mrs. Parkhurst discussed the possibility of joining a land trust, which could provide strategic services to further conservation land and management. Mrs. Parkhurst expressed the possibility of inviting Mr. Wells to a future Conservation Commission meeting. Chairman Brownrigg stated that he will run it through the Town Administrator first for a determination if this would be a course of action the town was interested in. Other commissioners discussed the advantages of joining such a program.

Mr. Collins discussed the upcoming Town of Hudson Old Home Days and the possibility of the Conservation Commission hosting a tent to help raise public awareness of the commission's mission and the town's public lands. Chairman Brownrigg suggested perhaps jointly hosting the

tent with another board or organization, like NH Fish and Game.

Mr. Drouin discussed the Guertin parcel and the development of a written plan. He expressed his desire to have a trail cleared out in spring as well as the development of a parking area. Mr. Drouin also expressed interest in establishing a potential Forestry Committee in the town, like in Pelham, New Hampshire.

Chairman Brownrigg reviewed the town's e-mail policy with the commissioners.

Mr. Gagnon discussed the timeframe regarding trail clearing at the Guertin parcel, and proposed future trail work days when weather improved.

Mrs. Parkhust proposed designating one day each month as a designated trail and work day for the commission, and to advertise it to the public for volunteers. The Commissioners expressed interest in that approach and requested Mrs. Parkhust look at scheduling a day that works for everyone.

Chairman Brownrigg informed the commissioners that he wanted to set up a Subcommittee on the Circumvential Highway for information gathering purposes only. The only focus of the subcommittee would be to get information on the project, and what laws govern it.

Motion to form Subcommittee on Circumvential Highway and to have Mr. Drouin serve as chairman.

Motion by: Brett Gagnon

Seconded by: William Collins

Vote: For: 6 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0

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

VIII. NON-PUBLIC SESSION

A motion was made to enter into a Non-Public Session at 7:42 PM, pursuant to NH RSA 91-A:3, II(d) which states "Consideration of the acquisition, sale or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interest are averse to those of the general community.

Motion by: Elliott Veloso

Seconded by: Randy Brownrigg

Roll Call Vote on Motion to Enter Non-Public Session:

Randy Brownrigg: Yes

Elliott Veloso: Yes

William Collins: Yes

Michael Drouin: Yes

Brett Gagnon: Yes
Jennifer Parkhurst: Yes

After deliberations were made in Non-Public Session, a motion was made at 8:59 PM to exit Non-Public Session and reenter Public Session.

Motion by: Elliott Veloso
Seconded by: Brett Gagnon

Roll Call Vote on motion to exit Non-Public Session:

Randy Brownrigg: Yes
Elliott Veloso: Yes
William Collins: Yes
Michael Drouin: Yes
Brett Gagnon: Yes
Jennifer Parkhurst: Yes

A motion was made to poll the Conservation Commission to seal the March 11, 2019 Non-Public Meeting Minutes pursuant to NH RSA 91-A:3, III, the disclosure of which could render the discussed matter could render the proposed actions ineffective.

Motion by: Elliott Veloso
Seconded by: Brett Gagnon


Vote: For: 6 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0

A motion was made to adjourn:

Motion by: Elliott Veloso
Seconded by: William Collins

Vote: For: 6 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0

Meeting Adjourned at 8:59 P.M.



Elliott Veloso, Secretary