



TOWN OF HUDSON

Conservation Commission



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DATE: September 10, 2018

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 meeting of the Hudson Conservation Commission (HCC) was held in the Community Development Room in Town Hall, 12 School Street, Hudson NH.

Roll Call

Ken Dickinson Chairman <u> X </u>	Randy Brownrigg Vice-Chair <u> X </u>	Elliott Veloso Secretary <u> E </u>	William Collins Member <u> X </u>
Michael Tsu Member <u> X </u>	Michael Drouin Member <u> X </u>	Brett Gagnon Member <u> X </u>	Paula Hubert Alternate <u> E </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 07:04 P.M. by Chairman Ken Dickinson

Seating of Alternates

Mrs. Parkhurst was seated as member at 7:05 PM.

Public Input Related to Non-Agenda Items.

None

I. Old Business

None

II. New Business

A. Wetlands Special Exception Application for a new garage at 2 Alvirne Drive. (Tax Map 138 / Lot 061-000).

Mr. Denis Dumais of 2 Alvirne Drive came before the commission seeking a recommendation for a Wetland Special Exception so that he can construct a three (3) car garage and driveway within the 50 foot wetland buffer area located on his property. Mr. Dumais gave a brief presentation and answered questions asked by commission members. The areas of concern for the commission were a discrepancy between the HCC agenda application stating a 34ft. x 28ft. structure and "Plan of Land" drawing showing a 32ft. x 28ft. structure. Also missing from the HCC agenda application was the total area to be disturbed. As is the case for any wetland and wetland buffer disturbances a site walk was scheduled for Thursday September 13, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. to better understand the applicants intent. A final decision to either endorse or not endorse this project will be made at the October 15, 2018 HCC meeting.

B. NHDES 604B Grant "Robinson Pond/ Howard Brook" Water Quality Improvement Project-Presentation by NRPC

Ms. Sara Siskavich, GISP of Nashua Regional Planning Commission came before the commission seeking a letter of endorsement from the HCC in regards to water quality studies taking place in and around the Robinson Pond watershed. She provided a brief overview of the current project taking place along with supporting documentation showing water sampling results. Ms. Siskavich went on to say that there was a September 21, 2018 deadline for her office to file a "Letter of Intent" (LOI) to the NHDES if this project was to be considered for a grant award. She also added that she was not seeking any matching monies from the HCC but any consideration would be kindly accepted. All commission members present clearly felt that grant money for this project was well worth pursuing and unanimously agreed to it.

A motion was made to provide a letter of endorsement on behalf of the Hudson Conservation Commission to Ms. Katherine Zink of NHDES which will state that the Hudson Conservation Commission offers its commitment to the Nashua Regional Planning Commission grant application to the NHDES 2019 Water Quality Planning 604(b) program and endorses the participation of the Town of Hudson Conservation Commission to participate in an advisory capacity for this initiative.

Motion by: Brett Gagnon
Seconded by: Randy Brownrigg

Vote: For: 7 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0

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

II. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the August 13, 2018 and August 22, 2018 meeting minutes as amended.

Motion by: William Collins
Seconded by: Randy Brownrigg

Vote: For: 7 Opposed: 0 Abstain: _____

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

III. Other Business

A. FY2020 Budget Review

The fiscal year budget was reviewed prior to submittal to the BOS for consideration. Two line items were adjusted as follows.

CC, Sm. Equipment Mtce. was \$2150.00 to cover the cost of purchasing new power tools and safety equipment. This line item has been reduced to \$1000.00 to cover costs associated with normal trail maintenance.

CC, Professional Services currently available \$28,436.00. An additional \$11,064 will be sought to cover projected cost associated with invasive species control at Otternic and Robinson Ponds.

An additional line item for Pond Reclamation Funding was discussed but not added until it could be reviewed for its necessity.

A motion was made to present to the BOS a HCC 2020 Fiscal Budget totaling \$42,027.

Motion by: Michael Tsu
Seconded by: Brett Gagnon

Vote: For: 7 Opposed: 0 Abstain: _____

B. Tools Purchasing Discussion

Mr. Brownrigg presented a breakdown of costs associated with purchasing power and safety equipment that was budgeted for to support trail maintenance. His spreadsheets showed costs with purchasing these items from Fisette Small Equipment, Lowes and Homedepot. Mr. Brownrigg asked commission members to review the information and to get back to him via email with their suggestions.

IV. Financial Status:

Reviewed under Other Business

V. Correspondence:

Publication Forest Notes Magazine

VI. Commissioner Comments

Mr. Gagnon present handouts containing information on the Land Use Change Tax. He pointed out that the town and HCC split the tax evenly and added that other communities contribute a higher portion of the LUCT to their conservation fund. Mr. Gagnon asked the commission members if they had any issue with him making an effort to get a Warrant Article Drafted that would address this issue and stated he would be looking to change the tax split from 50/50 to 75/25. Were as 75 percent of the proceeds from the LUCT would be deposited into Conservation Fund for future land consideration. The members presented had no issue with this initiative and made a motion to allow Mr. Gagnon to move forward.

A motion was made to allow Mr. Gagnon to move forward with creating the wording for a town warrant article that would change the current split of the LUCT from 50/50 to 75/25, were as 75 percent of the LUCT would be deposited to the towns Conservation Fund.

Motion by: Jennifer Parkhurst

Seconded by: Michael Tsu

Vote: For: 7 Opposed: 0 Abstain:

Mr. Gagnon was excused by the chairman for the remainder of the meeting at 8:56 p.m.

Mr. Drouin mentioned that he has been actively cleaning up Merrill Park and added that a more formal effort on part of the HCC should be made to rehab the property. Mr. Drouin also mentioned that there were some sizable trees laying across the trails that needed clearing. The chairman said he would contact the town highway department to see if they could provide assistance to the removal of the trees.

Mrs. Parkhurst mentioned that she will be holding a Guided Hike at the Musquash Conservation Property for the general public on September 29, 2018 starting at 10:00 a.m. She said that the hike would be along some of the less challenging trails allowing for greater public participation. Mrs. Parkhurst added that all of the commission members were welcome to join the hike if they had time to attend.

A motion was made to adjourn:

Motion by: Michael Tsu

Seconded by: Randy Brownrigg

Vote: For: 6 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0

Meeting Adjourned at 9:38 P.M.



William Collins, Secretary (Pro tempore)