



TOWN OF HUDSON

Conservation Commission



Ken Dickinson, Chairman

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DATE: March 12, 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.).

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.

In attendance = X Alternates Seated = S Partial Attendance = P Excused Absence = E

Ken Dickinson Chairman <u> X </u>	Randy Brownrigg Vice-Chair <u> X </u>	Elliott Veloso Secretary <u> X </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>
David Morin Select. Rep. <u> E </u>	Elvis Dhima Town Staff <u> E </u>		

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Called to Order at 07:08 P.M. by Chairman Ken Dickinson

No alternates seated.

Public Input Related to Non-Agenda Items:

None.

I. OLD BUSINESS

A. Timber Harvest Planning Discussion – Kimball Hill Town Forest and Musquash Conservation Area (Review Hillsborough County Forester’s Initial Recommendations)

Chairman Dickinson opened up discussion for feedback as to potential courses of action the Conservation Commission would take in response to Mr. Ethan Belair’s presentation at the previous Conservation Commission meeting. Commission members discussed the potential and implications of a limited timber harvest in certain sections of the town forest, the proceeds of which would go towards gate improvement, gravel improvement, and invasive species control. Mr. Gagnon discussed the value to hiring a forester to assess the likely value of a timber harvest so as to ensure that it would make financial sense. Vice-Chairman Brownrigg discussed the value in having a forester evaluate a timber harvest, but emphasized that any such harvest would only be partial and focused only on high value cuts. For more information, please refer to the meeting recording on HCTV-ch22.

A motion was made to authorize the update of the Kimball Hill Town Forest Management Plan.

Motion by: Randy Brownrigg

Seconded by: Brett Gagnon

Vote: For: 7 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0

Chairman Dickinson asked whether a motion should be made to move forward with the timber harvest. Mr. Collins stated that not enough information was available for the Conservation Commission to make an informed decision at this time. Mr. Collins recommended that the Conservation Commission first obtain an updated management plan first. Mr. Tsu agreed with Mr. Collins and believed that the goal of the updated plan was also to make sure that any such harvest would break even. Commission members discussed the financial implications of a timber harvest and the value of having a forester perform an evaluation.

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

A motion was made to hire a forester to survey the Town of Hudson’s forest property to assess possible management plans.

Motion by: Randy Brownrigg

Chairman Dickinson and Mr. Collins voiced concern regarding whether a forester could be directly hired or would instead have to be bid out. Mr. Veloso proposed amending the motion to have Chairman Dickinson inquire with Mr. Dhima regarding the process the City would need to follow to retain the services of a forester for purposes of updating the Town of Hudson's Forest Management Plan and report back to the Conservation Commission. Vice-Chair Brownrigg supported the proposed amendment.

A motion was made to have the Chairman of the Conservation Commission inquire with Mr. Elvis Dhima, P.E., Town of Hudson, regarding the process the City would need to follow to retain the services of a forester for purposes of updating the Town of Hudson's Forest Management Plan and report back to the Conservation Commission.

Motion by: Elliott Veloso

Seconded by: Brett Gagnon

Vote: For: 7 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0

II. NEW BUSINESS

None.

III. OTHER BUSINESS

A: Musquash Conservation Area – Schedule Trail Work Day

The Commission members discussed their availability to performed maintenance and fallen tree removal in certain areas of in the town's forests. Chairman Dickinson set the proposed work day for March 24, 2018 at 9:00 AM, weather conditions permitting.

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

IV. FINANCIAL STATUS

No outstanding issues noted with the current financial report.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

The Chairman reviewed the correspondence provide by staff for tonight's meeting. The correspondences included:

A notification from NHDES, dated February 16, 2018, regarding deficiencies in the application of Sparkling River Adult Community for a permit. Chairman Dickinson noted that he followed up the notice with the town's Community Management Director, and that further action may

need to be taken later in the year.

A copy of the 2018 Lake Host Program Grant Application.

A notification from NHDES, dated February 25, 2018, regarding a Wetland Permit Application for the installation of proposed dock at 3 Riverside Avenue, Hudson, NH 02051, Project Tax Map 190 / Lot No. 95. The notice stated that the state maintained exclusive right of review, which it was currently exercising.

A copy of the Forestry Notes Publication, Winter 2017-18 Edition.

A flyer/newsletter from NHDES, entitled Supply Lines with the Source. The flyer discussed drinking and ground water testing.

A letter from the Society for the Protection of NH Forests seeking renewal fees for 2018.
Motion to defer this matter to the February meeting.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Conservation Commission meeting minutes for February 12, 2018 were submitted for acceptance. Mr. Tsu noted two typos which were corrected.

Motion made to accept revised February 12, 2018 Conservation Commission meeting minutes.

Motion by: William Collins
Seconded by: Randy Brownrigg

Vote: For: 7 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0

VII. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Chairman Dickerson commented on the Aqualogic's hiring for the provision of DASH services for 2018. Chairman Dickerson noted that the owner for Aqualogic acknowledged issues with their prior work last year and that the company was dedicated to the excellence service that they previously provided. The commissioners discussed and agreed that the owner's appearance before the Conservation Commission was unnecessary in light of his past and potential future appearances before the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Gagnon observed that the flyer/newsletter from NHDES that the department has made it easier for well testing by New Hampshire residents, and noted contact information in the newsletter for the public.

Motion to adjourn:

Motion by: Randy Brownrigg
Seconded by: Michael Tsu

Vote: For: 7 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0

Meeting Adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

/s/ Elliott J. Veloso
Elliott Veloso, Secretary



HCC CHAIRMAN