



TOWN OF HUDSON

Conservation Commission



Ken Dickinson, Chairman

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DATE: February 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>	William Collins Member <u> X </u>	Michael Tsu Member <u> X </u>
Elliott Veloso Secretary <u> E </u>	Michael Drouin Member <u> X </u>	Brett Gagnon Member <u> E </u>	Paula Hubert Alternate <u> S </u>
David Morin Select. Rep. <u> X </u>	Elvis Dhima Town Staff <u> E </u>		

Called to Order at 07:09 p.m. by Chairman Ken Dickinson

The Chairman seated alternate Paula Hubert as the sixth member for tonight's meeting.

Public Input Related to Non-Agenda Items:

None

I. OLD BUSINESS

A: NHDES Wetlands Permit Application for Eversource /326 Line Structure Replacement.

Mr. Kristopher Wilkes from VHB appeared before the HCC as a follow up to the site walk which took place on February 10, 2018. Mr. Wilkes again described the work to take place and the process to be taken to ensure a negligible impact to the wetlands near and around the structures to be replaced along the Eversource ROW. Mr. Wilkes thanked the commission members who were able to attend the site walk and asked if he could answer any further questions. Mr. Collins asked of those who attended the site walk if they were satisfied with their field observations which was answered in the affirmative. The chairman thanked Mr. Wilkes for attending tonight's meeting and for keeping the HCC fully informed. He added that he would sign off on the Wetlands Permit Application filed by Eversource.

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

II. NEW BUSINESS

A: Presentation by Ethan Belair, UNH Cooperative Ext., Hillsborough Co. Forester

Mr. Belair introduced himself and gave a brief description of his role as a state forester. He went on to say that he works with local landowners and towns to help manage forested areas. The purpose of Mr. Belair's tonight was to discuss the possibility of a limited tree harvest at the Town Forest. A survey of the Hudson Town Forest was scheduled for February 23, 2018 at 3:30 p.m. Those members who can make should meet in the parking area off of Kimball Hill Road.

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

III. OTHER BUSINESS

A: Department of Environmental Services 2018 Exotic Aquatic Plant Control Grant.

The 2018 Aquatic Plants Control Grants have been awarded and the Town of Hudson will receive \$16,443.00 if accepted by the BOS. Additionally local costs to combat invasive plant species at Otternic and Robinson Ponds will total \$49,327.00. After a short review of the

projected costs and treatment schedule the chairman suggested a motion be made to recommend acceptance of the NHDES grant.

Motion to recommend that the BOS accept the 2018 NHDES Exotic Aquatic Plant Control grant award of \$16,443.00.

Motion by: William Collins
Seconded by: Randy Brownrigg

Vote: For: 6 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0

B: Society for the Protection of NH Forests

This item was deferred from the HCC January meeting. Mr. Collins stated that the commission has made contributions to this organization in the past and felt that a modest contribution of \$55.00 dollars would be appropriate.

Motion to contribute \$55.00 to the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests on behalf of the Hudson Conservation Commission.

Motion by: William Collins
Seconded by: Randy Brownrigg

Vote: For: 6 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0

B: Open Space Subcommittee Appointment

The Chairman appointed HCC alternate Paula Hubert to serve on the Open Space Subcommittee.

IV. FINANCIAL STATUS

No outstanding issues noted with the current financial report.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

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

A letter signed by Timothy Ferwerda of Meridian Land Services and addressed to Eben Lewis, NHDES Wetlands Bureau. The letter states that BAE Systems is seeking an amendment to wetlands permit (2017-02778). The amendment is to add additional rip-rap under the company's entrance bridge which will provide soil stabilization

Environmental News, a newsletter published by the NHDES

Quarterly Publication of New Hampshire Lakes

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Conservation Commission meeting minutes for January were submitted for acceptance.

Motion made to accept January 8, 2018 Conservation Commission meeting minutes as amended.

Motion by: Michael Tsu
Seconded by: Randy Brownrigg

Vote: For: 6 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0

VII. COMMISSIONER’S COMMENTS

Motion to adjourn:

Motion by: Randy Brownrigg
Seconded by: Michael Tsu

Vote: For: 6 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0

Meeting Adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Elliott Veloso, Secretary

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