



TOWN OF HUDSON

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Trail Work Day Minutes

DATES: April 8, 2017 and May 6, 2017

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. 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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DATE: April 8, 2017

A "Trail Work Day" of the Hudson Conservation Commission (HCC) was held at Musquash Conservation Area from 9AM – 1PM.

Members of the Commission present: R. Brownrigg, E. Veloso, M. Tsu, K. Dickinson, and ?

Summary:

Members noted above met with Joe Undercoffler and two other volunteers to install / replace (8) wooden sign posts which were set into concrete. (5) Posts were installed on the Hamblett-Nash Trail, (2) on the Turkey Trot Trail, and (1) on the Meetinghouse Trail. All posts had been vandalized and were in need of replacement. New signs are in-process of being reinstalled. Powerline gate was open at Musquash Road. 4WD pickup truck was observed driving up to the top of Merrill Hill. Owen Sullivan met with Ken Dickinson for his Eagle Scout Project Application signature which will hopefully take place this summer. Trash was removed from the parking lot as well. Afterwards, Ken Dickinson cleaned the both parking lot at the Town Forest and the road frontage along Kimball Hill Road. Gate had not been replaced due to previous snow cover, however large ruts along the Perimeter Trail were observed due to winter/early spring vehicle access. Both kiosk maps at Town Forest and Musquash Conservation Area require replacement as they've significantly faded.

DATE: May 6, 2017

A "Trail Work Day" of the Hudson Conservation Commission (HCC) was held at the Kimball Hill Road Town Forest from approximately 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM. Work day ended earlier than usual due to rain. Ken Dickinson continued until 2pm as noted below.

Members of the Commission present: R. Brownrigg, E. Veloso, B. Collins, and K. Dickinson

Summary:

Members noted above met at Musquash Road, however work was relocated to the Town Forest due to heavy rain on Friday night. Several fallen trees were removed from trails due to winter storms. Some trash was removed from the trails as well. Gates are now locked at both Musquash and Town Forest locations. Afterwards, Ken Dickinson raked a new section of the Perimeter Trail, and unnamed link trail at the Town Forest, and the Colburn Trail at Musquash Conservation Area. Colburn Trail is in need of some repair due to recent tree cutting along the powerline easement. Existing conditions of streams along the Deacon Merrill Trail @ Musquash Conservation Area, in locations of proposed trail bridges were photographed for record. A short portion of trail could be relocated near the top of trail in effort to avoid ponding along an old farm / logging road.

Other observations at several locations:

Tri-Town Forest:

Mr. Dickinson also cut back some invasive roses at the Tri-Town Forest and observed recently painted trail blazing. "Ingersoll Sign" could be reinstalled now in its approximate former location. Culvert work and recent tree cutting has taken place along the powerline easement @ Griffin Road.

Ottarnic Pond Boat launch:

Boat launch kiosk area at Ottarnic Pond remains clear of trash, however invasive bamboo has significant regrowth and should be cut back again soon.

Merrill Park:

Merrill Park was also viewed and photographed. The park entrance is currently being utilized as a utility work staging area. Benches have been removed and the park appeared to be relatively clean with little to no trash. Bank erosion along the Merrimack River could be restored as a future project.


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