



# TOWN OF HUDSON

## Conservation Commission



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**DATE: March 13, 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. 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 regular meeting of the Hudson Conservation Commission (HCC) was held in the Community Development Conference Room of Town Hall.

**Members of the Commission present:** Randy Brownrigg, Ken Dickinson, William Collins, Elliot Veloso and Michael Tsu and Mike Tranfaglia

**Members of the Commission absent:** Raimundo Matos, excused

**Member of Town Staff:** none

**Board of Selectman Representative:** None

**Seating of Alternates:** None

Called to Order at 07:24 p.m.

**Public Input Related to Non-Agenda Items:**

None

**I. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**II. NEW BUSINESS**

**Eagle Scout Candidate Project for proposed bridges on the Deacon Merrill Trail.**

Eagle Scout candidate Owen Sullivan of 15 Lorraine Street gave a presentation of a proposed bridge(s) project that he would like to complete as part of eagle scout candidacy. These bridges would provide a safer way of crossing streams along the Deacon Merrill Trail located in the Musquash Pond Conservation Area. Mr. Sullivan went through the construction details, timeline and costs for his project and also stated how he intended to raise monies to pay for the project materials. Mr. Joseph Undercofler of 137 Musquash Road was on hand in support of Mr. Sullivan and assisted him in answering questions by the commission members. Mr. Undercofler also stated that Mr. Sullivan was seeking signed approval of the project tonight so that he could present his idea to the Eagle Scout Candidate Board for their consideration.

**Motion to allow construction and installation of three 12-foot-long bridges along the Deacon Merrill Trail which is part of the Musquash Conservation Area located in Hudson NH.**

Motion by: William Collins  
Seconded by: Randy Brownrigg

Vote: For: 6 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0

HCC Member Mike Tranfaglia arrived to the meeting and was seated at 07:38 p.m.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**A: Musquash Conservation Area/ Town Forest Trail Work Day Schedule.**

It was decided by the HCC members to hold a trail work day on April 8, 2017. Members will meet at the Musquash Pond parking area at 9:00 a.m. and as always, the public is invited to attend. A rain date of April 9<sup>th</sup> was mentioned but the chairman said he would send out an email if the work day had to be canceled due to inclement weather.

**B: Stewardship of Conserved Lands**

The chairman mentioned that he was out at the Town Forest recently and noted a fair amount of trash within parking area and along the road abutting the property. He also observed that the chain and post which blocks access to the property appeared to be tampered with and added that he would notify high department manager Mr. Burns.

**C: Dues renewal for NH Assoc. of Natural Resource Scientist.**

The chairman reviewed information about the NHANRS and gave a brief explanation of the purpose of the group. Mr. Tsu mentioned that the cost of membership was very minimal for the services and expertise that they could provide.

**Motion made to expend \$20.00 from the towns conservation fund to cover the cost of annual membership into the NHANRS (New Hampshire Association of Natural Resource Scientists).**

Motion by: Michael Tsu  
Seconded by: Michael Tranfaglia

Vote: For: 6 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0

**III. FINANCIAL STATUS**

No updates to the financial status were provided for the meeting.

**IV. CORRESPONDENCE**

Forestry Notes Magazine provided by Spinner, Beyond the Beaver Dam Booklet provided by NHDES. A cover letter pertaining to the ARM fund program and a letter from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security FEMA region 1 to the chairman of the BOS concerning the Merrimack Watershed Study.

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Conservation Commission meeting minutes for February 23, 2017 were submitted for approval.

**Motion made to approve Conservation Commission meeting minutes as held on February 23, 2017.**

Motion by: William Collins  
Seconded by: Michael Tranfaglia

Vote: For: 6 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0

**VI. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS**

Mr. Collins spoke briefly about the Saving Special Place 2017 conference to be held April 8, 2017. Mr. Tranfaglia mentioned the towns election which was to be held Tuesday March 14<sup>th</sup> has been postponed till the Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Dickinson added that absentee ballots would be available at town hall on Wednesday and also mentioned that the BOS had accepted the grant monies for DES Exotic Species Program.

**Motion to adjourn:**

Motion by: Randy Brownrigg  
Seconded by: William Collins

Vote: For: 6 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0

Meeting Adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

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Ken Dickinson, Chairman