



# TOWN OF HUDSON

## Conservation Commission



Ken Dickinson, Chairman

Pat Nichols, Selectmen Liaison

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**DATE: December 12, 2016**

**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 Board of Selectmen Conference Room of Town Hall.

**Members of the Commission present:** James Battis, Randy Brownrigg, Ken Dickinson, Michael Tranfaglia, Raimundo Matos and William Collins

**Members of the Commission absent:** None

**Member of Town Staff:** None

**Board of Selectman Representative:** Pat Nichols

**Seating of Alternates:** None

Called to Order at 07:08 p.m.

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

None

**I. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**II. NEW BUSINESS**

**NHDES Wetlands Permit by Notification (PBN) Application Review:  
BAE Systems, 65 River Road, Map 251, Lot 001: Riprap replacement at  
Limit Brook Bridge (west embankment).**

This project entails the replacement of approximately 1,150 square feet of missing riprap under an existing bridge that cross Limit Brook. Work will take place on both the west and east banks. The riprap replacement is required to prevent further erosion of exposed soils directly under the bridge.

The commission was to hear a presentation by Wetland Scientist Timothy Ferwerda with regards to the work but due to inclement weather Mr. Ferwerda could not attend the meeting. It was decided to proceed with reviewing the applicants submitted Wetlands Permit by Notification (PBN) for completeness prior to signature by the commission chairman.

Some minor discussion about the application took place but no gross deficiencies were noted with the way the permit application was filled out. The commission members felt satisfied with the information presented and at the end of all discussion a motion was made authorizing the HCC Chairman to sign the Wetlands Permit by Notification pertaining to the riprap material replacement.

**A motion was made to authorize the HCC Chairman to sign the Wetlands Permit by Notification for the stated project. In addition to this motion the motion maker also added that the Chairman notify the town engineer that the commission would like to see all future applicants present during project review by the HCC and that the town engineer or his/her designee hold a preconstruction meeting with the applicant. Lastly, the town engineer or his/her designee should be available to inspect the site to verify proper implementation of the stated work.**

Motion by: James Battis  
Seconded by: Randy Brownrigg

Vote: For: 6 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**A: Stewardship of Conserved Lands:**

Mr. Battis gave a follow-up report to the commission as to the status of the LCHIP/LCIP reports he was currently working on. He said that the reports were nearly completed and that only a few additional comments would be needed before they were finalized. These reports are due annually by December 31.

**B: Woodland Drive Sign:**

During the November HCC meeting it was discussed to place an “access sign” at the trail head to the Musquash Conserved Land located off of Woodland Drive. HCC member Rai Matos was tasked with obtaining this estimate of cost for the sign and he reported back during this meeting that a 12” by 18” sign would cost \$55.00 each. Mr. Matos also supplied each commission member with a copy of the proof for sign for review and input. After minimal discussion, a motion was made to expend conservation funds to purchase one sign.

**A motion was made to expend up to \$55.00 from the town of Hudson NH conservation funds for the purchase of a 12” x 18” sign indicating access to the Musquash Pond Conservation Land off of Woodland Drive.**

Motion by: Michael Tranfaglia  
Seconded by: Randy Brownrigg

Vote: For: 6 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0

**C: Wildlife Action Plan Layer:**

A correspondence received back in November from the Milford Conservation Commission seeking monetary contributions to help defray costs for the addition of a Wildlife Action Plan Layer to the NRPC mapping software (MapGeo Application) was again discussed. Mr. Battis said that he received word that the HCC contribution to this effort would be \$83.33. he added that this layer could be beneficial in some cases when determining the true value of parcels of

land under consideration for protective easements. All attending members agreed and expressed an interest in learning more about this layer and the MapGeo application as a whole.

**A motion was made to expend \$83.33 from the town of Hudson, NH conservation funds to cover the HCC portion of costs associated with adding the Wildlife Action Plan Layer to the NRPC MapGeo Application.**

Motion by: William Collins  
Seconded by: Randy Brownrigg

Vote: For: 6 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0

In conclusion to the matter discussed, Mr. Battis said he would inquire about a tutorial to be possibly hosted by the NRPC in regards to the proper MapGeo application usage.

### III. FINANCIAL STATUS

The Chairman reviewed the current financial report for the month of November, no outstanding issues were noted.

### IV. CORRESPONDENCE

A correspondence from the UNH Cooperative Extension stating that a workshop Forest Laws Municipal Officials would be held in Salisbury NH. Details December 14, 2016 any member would be welcomed to attend.

### V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Conservation Commission meeting minutes for November 14, 2016 were submitted for approval.

**Motion made to approve Conservation Commission meeting minutes, held on November 14, 2016.**

Motion by: James Battis  
Seconded by: Randy Brownrigg

Vote: For: 6 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0

**VI. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS**

Mr. Dickinson announced that commission member Mr. James Battis would not be seeking to serve another term on the Hudson Conservation Commission. Mr. Dickinson and all members present thanked Mr. Battis for his extensive service to the town and wished him well in his future endeavors.

**Motion to adjourn:**

Motion by: James Battis  
Seconded by: William Collins

Vote: For: 6 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0

Meeting Adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

  
Ken Dickinson, Chairman