



TOWN OF HUDSON

Conservation Commission



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DATE: November 14, 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 07:10 p.m.

The Chairman informed members present that fellow member Jeff Beland had to resign his seat for personal reasons. He went on to express his gratitude for Mr. Beland's service to the town and the HCC.

Public Input Related to Non-Agenda Items:

None

I. OLD BUSINESS

None

II. NEW BUSINESS

Musquash Conserved Land Additional Signage:

Selectman Nichols mentioned that the recently installed rules signs at the town forest and Musquash properties looked good and were an nice addition to the parking areas.

The commission was to hear a brief presentation from Mr. Joshua Megyesy about the possibility of posting additional signage along the Musquash Pond Conserved Land. Unfortunately, Mr. Megyesy could not make the meeting to discuss the issue. Mr. Collins asked if he could be contacted to reschedule the presentation for the December 12th meeting. Mr. Dickinson said he would inquire as to whether or not Mr. Megyesy would be interested in doing so.

Some further discussion was made in reference to installing a previously approved Kiosk off of the Woodland Drive access point. Mr. Battis suggested placing a smaller sign at the access point and installing the main Kiosk down near the town owned trail where it intersects the public utility right of way. Members felt this was a good idea and volunteered Mr. Matos with the task of obtaining a quote for a smaller sign to be used as a trail access point indicator at the Woodland Drive parking area. Mr. Collins also asked that Mr. Matos include the cost of hardware and mounting post in the sign quote.

A work day was scheduled for the Musquash Conserved Land on Saturday, December 3, 2016 from 9:00 am to 1:00 p.m. Available members are to meet at the Musquash Pond parking area. The purpose of the workday will be to install the kiosk down below the Woodland Drive access point and to paint trail markings along the trail system.

OTHER BUSINESS

A: Stewardship of Conserved Lands:

Mr. Battis gave a brief report to the commission as to the status and condition of both the Ingersoll Property and the northeast end of the Musquash Pond conserved land. He reported that the Ingersoll property was in good condition with no significant findings in regards to dumping and ATV usage. Mr. Battis did mention that he was able to more clearly define the property lines using multiple GPS devices. In regards to the Musquash Property Mr. Battis informed the commission that the three issues noted last year. These issues were the satellite dish which appears to be on town property, damage to the beaver dam and a structure built south of the beaver dam. In regards to the satellite dish Mr. Battis said there was no easy way to determine whether or not the dish was on town property. He also reported that ATV riders appear to be crossing over the beaver dam due in part to the low water levels. The structure south of the beaver dam had been removed and was no longer an issue. Mr. Battis added that an abutter has placed numerous no trespassing signs and a sizable logs the across public utility access road and along the Hamblett-Nash trail near the Woodland Drive access point. Mr. Battis did point out that some of the no trespassing signs could be on town property and should be addressed by the town's code enforcement office. He concluded that for the most part both properties are in good shape and that he could finish the stewardship walks during the week.

B: Claveau Landing: Scheduled Work Day

It was reported that some materials were dumped at Claveau Landing boat ramp. The Chairman said he went to the site to investigate and determined that some landscaping materials were indeed dumped at the site but it was not a significant amount. Some discussion was made of trying to get down to the site for cleanup and maintenance issues. It was decided that if nobody to hold a potential work day Saturday, December 10, 2016 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

III. FINANCIAL STATUS

The Chairman reviewed the current financial report for the month of October, no outstanding issues were noted. The Chairman did mention that a deposit was recently made to the Conservation Fund and that the fund's current balance is approximately \$1,300,000.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

NHDES notified the commission that an application for a retaining wall project which this commission approved back in September was incomplete and more information was required by the applicant.

Another correspondence related to an application to the Wetlands Bureau for a building addition and deck attachment was reviewed

A letter from the NHDOT indicating that road work along the rte.102 and in Hudson would soon be taking place

A letter from Jim Kegley who represents the NH Lake Host Program. The letter stated his appreciation for Hudson's participation in the ongoing effort to combat invasive species in NH lakes and rivers.

An email from the Milford Conservation Commission asking for financial participation in regards to adding a MapGeo layer for the wildlife action plan to be added to the NRPC mapping system. A motion was made by Rei Matos and seconded by Randy Brownrigg to contribute \$50 dollars to support this addition to the NRPC mapping site but was later withdrawn by the motion maker after Mr. Battis mentioned he could look into whether or not this map layer option was still being pursued by the other area commissions.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Previous Conservation Commission minutes for the following months were submitted for approval. July 11, 2016, July 16, 2016, August 8, 2016, September 26, 2016, September 26, 2016 (Nonpublic Session) and October 17, 2016.

Motion made to approve Conservation Commission meeting minutes, held on the following date: July 11, 2016, July 16, 2016, August 8, 2016, September 26, 2016, September 26, 2016 (Nonpublic Session) and October 17, 2016.

Motion by: James Battis
Seconded by: Randy Brownrigg

Vote: For: 6 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0

VI. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

None

Motion to adjourn:

Motion by: James Battis
Seconded by: Randy Brownrigg

Vote: For: 6 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0

Meeting Adjourned at 9:04 p.m.


Ken Dickinson
Ken Dickinson, Chairman