



# TOWN OF HUDSON

## Conservation Commission



Ken Dickinson, Chairman

Pat Nichols, Selectmen Liaison

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**DATE: September 26, 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, Raimundo Matos, William Collins

**Members of the Commission absent:** Jeff Beland and Michael Tranfaglia

**Member of Town Staff:** Elvis Dhima

**Board of Selectman Representative:** Pat Nichols

**Seating of Alternates:** None

Called to Order at 07:07 p.m.

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

Emergency Retaining Wall Replacement, Bob Lafleur 64 Robinson Pond, Hudson NH

Mr. Shane Howard of Howard Landscaping and Mr. Robert Lafleur of 64 Robinson Road appeared before the commission seeking an expedited wetlands special exception to replace a decaying retaining wall system located along the shore line of Robinson Pond and Mr. Lafleur's property. The existing concrete wall will be replaced with a pre-manufactured stackable concrete block to prevent further erosion of Mr. Lafleur's property.

**A motion was made to allow for the replacement of the existing decaying concrete retaining wall with new dry stacked concrete blocks and geo textile fabric which will act as a tieback for the new wall. All work is to be performed while water levels are low as to minimally disturb the bordering shoreline and the two stipulations noted below will be strictly adhered to.**

- 1. Construction and restoration shall comply with: BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES TO CONTROL NON-POINT SOURCE POLLUTION: A GUIDE FOR CITIZENS AND TOWN OFFICIALS (NH Department of Environmental Services-Current Issue.)**
- 2. During construction and restoration erosion control barriers shall be installed and maintained to the satisfaction of the Town Engineer.**

**Motion by:** James Battis

**Second by:** William Collins

**Vote:** Favorable: 5 Unfavorable: 0 Abstaining: 0

**I. OLD BUSINESS**

A: None

**II. NEW BUSINESS**

**A: Wetland Special Exception Application for the Autumn Circle Water Main Extension, 300 Webster Street; Map 128, Lot 006-000**

Patrick Colburn of Keach-Nordstrom Associates presented a project proposing a water main extension which was to run along the Webster Street Right of Way and connect the proposed Autumn Circle Residential Subdivision be rerouted and instead cross over land currently owned by Wilson Farms of New Hampshire Inc. reference tax map 128, lot 006-000. This rerouting is required to avoid costly directional drilling efforts under an existing stone culvert along the Webster Street Right of Way. It is expected that the projected as presented will have a permanent wetland buffer impact of 2,435sf.

**Motion is to recommend approval of the Wetlands Special Exception Application filed by Scott Desantis for property owned by Wilson Farms of NH, Inc. This approval is for the permanent wetlands buffer impact of approximately 2,435 square feet as shown on the Wetland Buffer Impact Plan, Autumn Circle Map 128 lot 6, 12 Webster Street, Hudson, New Hampshire Hillsborough County. Project No: 16-0526-1 sheet 1 of 1 dated August 24, 2016 with the following stipulations.**

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2. During construction and restoration erosion control barriers shall be installed and maintained to the satisfaction of the Town Engineer.

**Motion by:** James Battis

**Second by:** Randy Brownrigg

**Vote:** Favorable: 5 Unfavorable: 0 Abstaining: 0

**Dissent Reason(s):** None

### **III. OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **A: Stewardship of Conserved Lands: Kiosk Info and Rules. Approval of Sign Quote**

The BOS approved the wording of the new rules signs which when purchased will be installed at the kiosks located at the Town Forest and Musquash Pond Conservation parking areas and one additional sign will be installed at the Musquash Pond Conservation land entry point located off of Woodland Drive.

**A motion was made to expend no more than \$600.00 dollars from the Conservation Commission Fund for the purchase for the purchase of three (3) land use and rules signs along with the necessary posts and hardware to install the signs.**

**Motion by:** William Collins

**Second by:** Randy Brownrigg

**Vote:** Favorable: 5 Unfavorable: 0 Abstaining: 0

**B: Town Forest: Scheduled Work Day**

Planning for a work day at the Town Forest was deferred until the next scheduled HCC meeting in October.

**IV. FINANCIAL STATUS**

The Expenditure Report was reviewed. It was decided to increase the FY17 budget request by \$800.00 overall to reflect current expenditure requirements. It was also decided to increase the Professional Services line item by \$1500.00 to cover the increase in funding requirements for the 2017 Lake Host Program.

**A motion was made to increase the FY17 budget request by \$800.00 dollars. This increase reflects current expenditure requirements of the Conservation Commission. This motion also includes an increase of \$1500.00 to the Professional Services line item to cover the increase in cost associated with the Robinson and Ottarnic Pond Lake Host Monitoring Program for 2017**

**Motion by:** James Battis

**Second by:** Randy Brownrigg

**Vote:** Favorable: 5 Unfavorable: 0 Abstaining: 0

**V. CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr. Battis made mention that he was contacted recently about the annual monitoring requirements for the Ingersoll and Musquash Conservation properties. He added that commission members are welcome to participate in the monitoring site walk and report preparations.

**VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of the HCC minutes for July and August were deferred until the next scheduled meeting slated for October.

## VII. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Mr. Dickinson made mention of the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions (NHACC) annual meeting and conference. The meeting and conference is to be held November 12, 2016 at Pembroke Academy, Pembroke NH. Mr. Dickinson stated that he found the conference informative and encouraged commission members to attend.

## VIII. Non-Public Session

**A motion was made to enter into a Non-Public Session at 8:52 p.m. pursuant to NH RSA 91-A:3, II(d) which states "Consideration of the acquisition, sale or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community".**

**Motion by:** William Collins

**Second by:** Raimundo Matos

**Roll Call vote on motion to enter Non-Public Session:** Ken Dickinson yes, James Battis yes, Raimundo Matos yes, Randy Brownrigg yes, William Collins yes.

Raimundo Matos was excused at 9:55 p.m.

**Public session reconvened at 9:56 p.m.**

The Chairman thanked those in attendance. With no other business to attend to a motion to adjourn was made at 10:00 p.m.

**Motion by:** James Battis

**Second by:** Randy Brownrigg

**Vote:** Favorable: 4 Unfavorable: 0 Abstaining: 0

  
Ken Dickinson, Chairman