



# TOWN OF HUDSON

## Conservation Commission



Ken Dickinson, Chairman

Pat Nichols, Selectmen Liaison

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**DATE: May 9, 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 Community Development Conference Room of Town Hall.

**Members of the Commission present:** J. Battis, R. Brownrigg, K. Dickinson, R. Matos, J. Beland M. Tranfaglia and W. 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 7:15 p.m.

The Chairman started the meeting by welcoming newly appointed commission member Jeff Beland and newly appointed Selectmen Liaison Pat Nichols to their first meeting. He added that the Town Engineer Elvis Dhima was excused from the meeting.

**As no members of the public were in attendance, no public input was presented or discussed.**

**I. OLD BUSINESS**

A: None

**II. NEW BUSINESS**

A: None

**III. OTHER BUSINESS**

**A: Stewardship of Conserved Lands: Kiosk Info and Rules Signs**

HCC member Rai Matos reviewed the current status of his assignment to obtain price quotes and sign designs. These signs will be posted at the Kiosks located at the Town Forest and Musquash Pond conservation areas and will state the rules of acceptable uses for people utilizing the land.

Commission members provided input as to color preferences and sign content. Commission members further discussed the wording to be used to describe motorized vehicle usage and open target shooting on the property.

Mr. Brownrigg asked what RSA's would be used to enforce any rules contrived by the commission. Mr. Dickinson replied by pointing to the New Hampshire Planning and Land Use Book Section 36 paragraph A4 for providing rules for conserved lands.

Mr. Battis stated that the commission should seek the advice of the selectmen concerning hunting and shooting on town land. He also added that reviewing the town of Merrimack's policy on open shooting might provide more insight on the matter.

Mr. Brownrigg suggested bringing an outline to the Board of Selectmen for their input.

Mr. Dickinson read aloud some of the wording contained on the Benson's Park Sign concerning firearm usage hunting.

Mr. Battis concurred with Mr. Brownrigg's suggestion of presenting an outline of the wording to the board of selectmen.

Mr. Dickinson asked Selectmen Nichols whether the Benson Park sign was reviewed by the selectmen. Selectmen Nichols said that the sign approved for Benson's was indeed reviewed and

approved by the selectmen. She further suggested to have the proposed sign content finalized by the Commission prior to presenting it for BOS acceptance.

Further discussion took place about sign content, size and cost. Mr. Matos reviewed the revised sign content for commission members and thanked them for their input. Mr. Matos added that he would provide an updated example of the sign prior to the next commission meeting.

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

It was decided by the HCC to hold a trail maintenance and cleanup day at the Town Forest on the following dates. This cleanup and maintenance effort is open to the public.

Saturday June 4, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. till 12:00 p.m.

Rain Date:

Sunday June 5, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. till 12:00 p.m.

The Chairman reported that work to replace broken sign posts at both the Town Forest and Musquash Conservation property has not been completed. He further stated that he would contact the responsible party to see if any assistance was needed.

Some discussion took place about remarking some of the trails in both locations.

The Chairman reported that Eversource had repaired the access gate to the power lines located of Musquash Road.

#### **IV. FINANCIAL STATUS**

The Expenditure Report was briefly reviewed but no outstanding financial issues were discussed.

The Chairman mentioned that representatives from A B Aquatics had contacted the town looking to start DASH services early at one of the two ponds in town.

#### **V. CORRESPONDENCE**

The Chairman read aloud the correspondence provided in the meeting packet.

#### **VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Previous Conservation Commission minutes for the following months were submitted for approval. January 11, 2016, February 8, 2016, March 14, 2016, March 26, 2016 and April 11, 2016.

**Motion made to approve Conservation Commission meeting minutes, as amended, and held on the following date: January 11, 2016, February 8, 2016, March 14, 2016, March 26, 2016 and April 11, 2016**

Motion by: J. Battis  
Seconded by: R. Brownrigg

Vote: For: 7 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0

## **VII. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS**

Mr. Battis reported that he attended a workshop recently. He said that the topics of the workshop covered issues pertaining to official meetings of town boards, public notification of said meeting and other relevant items that this commission might find helpful.

Mr. Brownrigg mentioned the town's Facebook page and remarked that it's good sources of information. He also thanked the people who participated in the Earth Day cleanup for their efforts. As a closing remark Mr. Brownrigg asked the general public utilizing our streets to stop discarding trash along the roadway.

Mr. Dickinson added that the Earth Day cleanup was organized by the town's Sustainability Committee.

Mr. Tranfaglia mentioned that there is a cleanup day scheduled for Robinson Pond to be held Saturday May 14, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. with a rain date of Sunday May 15, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. All volunteers should meet at the boat launch site.

Mr. Dickinson stated that there were no new updates on the Gibson Road Farmland conservation effort.

### **Motion to adjourn:**

Motion by: J. Battis  
Seconded by: R. Brownrigg

Vote: For: 7 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0

Meeting Adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

  
Ken Dickinson, Chairman