



TOWN OF HUDSON

Conservation Commission



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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, W. Collins, K. Dickinson, R. Brownrigg and M. Tranfaglia

Members of the Commission absent: R. Matos, excused

Member of Town Staff present: None

Board of Selectman Representative absent: None

Seating of Alternates: None

Called to Order at 12:05 p.m.

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

I. OLD BUSINESS

A: Eversource Utility Y151 Transmission Line Rebuild Project

Prior to this HCC special meeting a multi-board joint site walk was held from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. to review the work to be conducted as part of the Wetland Special Exception being sought by Eversource Utilities. This work will be conducted at the four following locations.

Tower #9 and #10, Glover Brook – located near the Jackson Dr. and Monroe Dr. intersection.
Tower #33, Robinson Pond – located near Robinson Rd. and Lawrence Rd. intersection
Tower #29 and #30 – located near Dugout Rd. and Copland Dr. intersection
Tower #8, Glover Brook – located near Highland St. and Bonnie Lane.

In attendance for the site only were the following individuals representing Hudson's other Land Use boards or committee.

Charlie Brackett – Hudson Planning Board
Mary Ellen Davis – Hudson Zoning Board of Adjustments
XXXX XXXXX – Hudson Zoning Board of Adjustments

In attendance for both the site walk and post site walk meeting were representatives of the Eversource Utility field team were Tracy Tarr, the project's certified Wetlands Scientist and two others from the company's field team, one representing project engineering and one representing community relations. During the site walk various Hudson board members asked questions about structure replacement, anchoring and wetland crossing. All questions were answered thoroughly by the Eversource Team.

At the conclusion of the site walk the HCC members and the Eversource representatives convened a special meeting to further discuss work on the Y151 transmission line and its impact on the wetlands and buffers.

Ms. Tarr gave a brief presentation stating that all work would be done in a timely fashion and that any issues brought up during the site walk would be given full consideration.

Mr. Dickinson thanked Ms. Tarr and the other Eversource representatives for their time.

Mr. Dickinson asked if the commission members were ready to make a motion.

Mr. Collins read aloud the following motion.

Motion is to recommend approval of the Wetlands Special Exception Application filed by Eversource Energy. This WSE is for work proposed along an existing utility corridor and includes the following permanent wetland, temporary wetland and buffer impacts as noted below.

- a. Permanent wetlands impact of 980 square feet
- b. Temporary wetlands impact of 26,327 square feet
- c. Permanent buffer impact of 200 square feet

d. Temporary buffer impact of 17,190 square feet

This motion to recommend includes the following stipulations.

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.
3. All notes found on sheets 1 thru 3 of plan set title Y151 Transmission Line Rebuild Project Hudson New Hampshire will be strictly adhered to during all phases of construction.
4. To encourage Eversource to utilize existing well head access way for work to be performed at pole #9 location. Pending permission by abutter's and town officials
5. To allow buffer impact as necessary to access along a lesser gradient to pole #31 due east of Dugout Road.

Motion by: W. Collins

Second by: R. Brownrigg

Vote: Favorable 5 Unfavorable 0 Abstain 0

Dissent Reason(s) None

II. NEW BUSINESS:

None

III. OTHER BUSINESS:

None

IV. FINANCIAL STATUS

None

V. CORRESPONDENCE

None

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

VII. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

None

Motion to adjourn:

Motion by: W. Collins
Seconded by: R. Brownrigg

Vote: For: 5 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0

Meeting Adjourned at 12:25 p.m.


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