



# TOWN OF HUDSON

## Conservation Commission



Ken Dickinson, Chairman

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**DATE: July 13, 2015**

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, M. Tranfaglia, R. Matos

**Members of the Commission excused:** P. Dubay

**Members of the Commission absent:** none

**Member of Town Staff present:** E. Dhima; town engineer excused absence.

**Board of Selectman Representative:** Marilyn McGrath; Selectman Liaison excused absence

**Seating of Alternates:** none

**Called to order at 7:17 p.m.**

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

Note there was audio technical difficulties during the first portion of the meeting.

The commission welcomed new member Mr. Raimundo Matos to the group.

## **I. OLD BUSINESS**

No old business to review.

## **II. NEW BUSINESS**

### Lake Host Program Presentation by Jim Kegley

Mr. Kegley was not present to review the current status of the lake host program. Mr. Dickinson report that he visited both Ottarnic Pond and Robinson Pond and that the current weed control process appeared to be working. The commission will ask the representatives from the DASH program to come in and report on their operations. Mr. Brownrigg asked about the number of treatments remaining. Mr. Dickinson said a state representative would suggest a treatment schedule. Mr. Battis explained that this is an ongoing process and that further chemical and DASH treatments would be required in the future.

### Sparkling Brook (Wetlands Remediation Project) Schedule Site Walk

Mr. Dickinson explained the current issue of the Sparkling Brook wetland issues to Mr. Matos to bring him up to speed. The commission chose 27 July 2015 at 7:00 p.m. to perform a site walk of the project. The Wetland Scientist in charge of the rehabilitation project will be on site to provide a narrative during the walk.

## **III. OTHER BUSINESS**

### Mills Property Assessment

More discussion taking place, but not much progress, and no appraiser has been selected to provide a formal estimate of the cost of the project. Mr. Dickinson expressed an interest in meeting with Mr. Mills at his house for further discussion and he suggested having Selectman McGrath present at the meeting. Mr. Brownrigg wanted to know what the opinion of the selectmen were and also suggested somebody from the planning department might be interested in the meeting. Mr. Collins wants a more document procedure before a large amount of money is spent on an 80 + acre site. He also felt that a meeting of this nature should be held at town hall. Mr. Battis disagreed and thought that discussions about the planned purchase could be made in a non-public forum. There was more talk of potential access to the Mills property from an adjacent planned subdivision which is currently being reviewed by the planning board. Mr. Dickinson asked the commission if they thought a meeting with the town planner, John Cashell, would be appropriate in order to seek access from said subdivision. All agreed it would be appropriate.

A motion was made to that effect by Mr. Collins that the commission chairman should meet with town planner Mr. Cashell about a potential pedestrian easement from the proposed Eagles Nest development to the Mills property.

Motion: Mr. Collins                      Second: Mr. Brownrigg                      Motion carried 4/0/1 (for/against/abstain)

Next item discussed was scheduling of a trail maintenance day on the Woodland Drive side of the Musquash Trail system a date of August 1, 2015 with a meeting time of 9:00 a.m. Mr. Dickinson will send out an email with further details. Joe Undercoffler 137 Musquash Rd presented his trail condition findings and reported that the trail system is clear and usable. He also stated that he did some clearing around the foundations that are part of the trail system.

Mr. Dickinson took a quick poll of the commission members present to see if there's interest in holding a workshop for the discussion of the letter opposing the proposed Kinder Morgan Pipeline. A workshop will be held Monday July 20, 2015.

Motion to the effect by Ken Dickinson,                      Seconded by Mr. Brownrigg                      Motion carried 5/0/0

Mr. Tranfaglia was excused from the remainder of the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

#### Ingersoll Site Walk review

A June site walk of the Ingersoll property was accomplished by Mr. Battis, Mr. Dickinson, Mr. Tranfaglia and Mr. Collins. This walk was to evaluate the current progress of the timber harvest on the property. During the CC meeting Mr. Dickinson reviewed his observations to the commission members whom were absent during said walk. Much of the timber harvest seems to have been accomplished at present time. Mr. Battis would like to locate the boundaries of the property through GPS mapping. A site walk date and time to locate the boundaries of the Ingersoll property will be determined at a later date.

#### Kiosk/Trail Maps

10 min recess at 8.35 p.m.

Back in session at 8:44 p.m.

Mr. Battis presented two conceptual trail maps for consideration. The final map design will be placed in the Kiosk located in the parking area for the Musquash Trail system. It was decided by the HCC that the preferred map would be the one with the smaller flea and tick warning logo in the bottom left corner. Resident Mr. Undercoffler was happy to see his suggestions were added to the map. He also asked about a QR code being added to the map. Mr. Battis said he felt it would be better to have the code available on the town website. Mr. Battis will add a few edits to the map for final review and acceptance.

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

The chairman reviewed the current financial status. Nothing outstanding or notable to report.

#### **V. CORRESPONDENCE**

Letter from FEMA and DES meetings schedule Risk Map meetings.

Letter from National Grid and Eversource pertaining to ongoing projects in the town.

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

May 11, 2015 minutes not discussed or approved

May 19, 2015 (workshop) minutes not discussed or approved

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

None

Meeting Adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ken Dickinson", written over a horizontal line.

Ken Dickinson, Chairman