



# TOWN OF HUDSON

## Conservation Commission



James Battis, Chairman

Nancy Brucker, Selectmen Liaison

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### **DATE December 10, 2012**

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, P Dubay, K Dickinson, S Rumbaugh, and T Quinn

Members of the Commission absent: T Boland, N Lamureux

Member of Town Staff present: Excused

Board of Selectman Representative present: N Brucker

Seating of Alternates: None

Called to order at 7:05 pm

#### **I. PUBLIC INPUT RELATED TO NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

A. Opened at 7:10

B. No Input

C. Closed At 7:13

#### **II. OLD BUSINESS**

None

#### **III. NEW BUSINESS**

None

#### **IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

A. Dredge and Fill Permit Application - PSNH 326 Thermal Upgrade Project

- Discussion - No one representative was present to talk to the application
- 20 sq ft of wetlands and buffers permanently impacted.
- J. Battis - We had reviewed similar PSNH upgrades in the past and PSNH had acted responsibly in completing these efforts.
- Motion to recommend by K Dickinson
- Second by S Rumbaugh

Vote 5 - 0 in favor

B. Stewardship of Conserved Lands:

- J Battis – A workshop has been scheduled for Dec 19<sup>th</sup> in the BOS conference room at 7:00 pm on the topic of invasive species in Hudson Ponds. Amy Smagula from NHDES will be present with a presentation and questions from the public will be invited.
- S Rumbaugh - Regarding the Musquash Conservation Land, the trail marker coordinates of the trail markers has been distributed and will be added to the Town GIS database. GPS data for trails in the Musquash Conservation Land will be taken during trail site walks. The trail grant funds can be used for both Musquash and the Town Forest.
- J Battis – My interpretation is that the grant funds can be used for any Town Conservation land.

C. Circumferential Highway Impact:

- Planning Board requests input from the ConCom on potential areas of concern on a potential roadway using the Circumferential Highway right-of-way. As a first step, a site walk to identify sensitive areas was set for December 15 at 9:00 am meeting at the end of Gregory Street.
- A discussion ensued over the charge to the Commission and the level of response that the Commission should supply to the Planning Board.

D. Budget Status

- J Battis: Proposed budget was accepted. Request for additional funding was declined.

V. **FINANCIAL STATUS:**

A. Cash Flow

- Charges in October: \$3,624.00
- Interest Earned \$25.00
- Ending Balance \$737,226.05

B. Treasurers Report - Same as Cash Flow

C. Expenditure report - No expenditures in November

- Ending Balance \$18,384.44
- Expended 48.415%
- Monthly expenditures by account - None in November

**VI. CORRESPONDENCE:**

- None

**VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A. September 10, 2012 & November 19, 2012

September minutes previously approved but were revoked due to a lack of a quorum. Minutes reviewed and approved for a second time

- Motion to approve by K Dickinson
- Second by T Quinn

Vote 4 - 0 - 1

Abstention by S Rumbaugh; was not present at either meeting.

- Motion to defer to November minutes to workshop meeting Dec 19<sup>th</sup>
  - Motion by: K Dickinson
  - Second by S Rumbaugh
- Vote 5 - 0 in favor

**VIII. COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

A. K Dickinson: Thanks to T Quinn and S Rumbaugh for years of service to the ConCom.

B. S Rumbaugh: Thanks you. It has been an interesting ten years. I look forward to continuing in a land stewardship role and hope to come forward to the Commission in a couple months with plans for Musquash.

C. P Dubay: Thanks for your service.

D. T Quinn: I am leaving not without regrets. Thanks to the ConCom members for support over the last 11 years. It has been a pleasure to serve.

E. N Brucker: Thanks for the service and we appreciate everything you have done.

F. J Battis: I express my and the commissions appreciation to both for your service. I might also note that this is Gary Webster's last month as the Town Engineer although he will be continuing as a part-time employee. I also remind people of the December Workshop on Invasive Weeds.

**IX. MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

- Motion by: T Quinn
- Second by K Dickinson

Vote 5 - 0 in favor

Meeting adjourned at 8:20

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J Battis, Chairman

Next Meeting January 14, 2013