



# TOWN OF HUDSON

## Conservation Commission



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### HUDSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION DATE October 15, 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 Jim Battis, Patricia Dubay, Ken Dickinson, Nancy Lamoureux, Tim Quinn, Sandra Rumbaugh,

Members of the Commission absent: Timothy Boland:

Member of Town Staff present: Excused

Board of Selectman Representative present: Nancy Bruckner

Seating of Alternates: None

#### **I. PUBLIC INPUT RELATED to NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

None closed at 7:08

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

NONE

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

NONE

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

##### **A. DASH Report**

Presentation by: Jim Kegley

Report handed out to members

- Item 2A - weed control is going strong

Volunteers performed well

- Item 3A - VLAP Program – Program has been successful
- Item 5B Need to reduce Phosphorus Content by 40%. Need to ID source of the Phosphorus.
- Will need to add more volunteers
- Appendix E: DASH History
- FY 2010 to FY 2013

YEAR	SITE	<u>DAYS OF OPERATION</u>
2010	Ottarnic Pond	4
2011	Ottarnic Pond	3
	Robinson Pond	2
	Robinson Pond (fall)	15
2012	Ottarnic Pond (summer)	2
	Ottarnic Pond (spring)	5
	Robinson Pond (spring)	10
	Robinson Pond (fall)	4
	Robinson Pond (summer)	16

B. Maps:

- Copies provided are estimates of the areas of petinacious plant growth
- Views are from aerial photos and GPS charts.
- Views show areas of densities
- Ottarnic shows smaller density areas after treatment

C. Resources:

- October 6 - Report of meeting with Amy Smagula and Bob Patterson  
Pg1 - Weed control did not meet expected. Warm summer is a factor  
Bob Patterson stated that there is not enough in the contract to perform a complete removal of the invasive species
- Amy Smagula – Hudson approach is conservative
  - suggests we look at new Herbicide treatment called Clipper
  - suggests we apply for a grant for herbicide treatment

D. Plan for future maintenance

- Budget for FY 2014 (same as for 2013) May not be adequate
- Plan is to continue using the DASH with herbicide spot treatment
- Ottarnic - Incoming brook needs treatment
- Options: no change – milfoil will grow
- Herbicide plus DASH – maintain select areas
- Increase use of the DASH – need funding increase
  - Ken Dickinson: need 10 year plan.

- Jim Battis would recommend establishment of a capital reserve fund.
- Nancy Bruckner – would support a fund. Does not want lose the result of accomplished efforts..
- J Battis – can go with a warrant article. Initiated by either the ConCom or the Friends of Robinson Pond or the Ponds Group.

- **Motion: Request from the Capital Reserve Fund \$15,000 to FY 2013 Capital reserve and the same amount for FY 2014**

- Motion By: T Quinn
- Second By: K Dickinson
- Vote 6 – 0 in favor

E. Stewardship of Conserved Lands

- S Rumbaugh – Old car and couch removed from Historic area.
  - Sign rearranged to make access easier.
  - Will schedule another cleanup.
  - K Dickinson - Proposed renovation of kiosk my force a smaller map
  - J Battis will contact NRPC for shape of the map
  - S Rumbaugh – need to name the trails
  - K Dickinson - need to have plan and oversight
  - Had discussion with a person on the Musquash Property, was impressed with the status of the property.

F. Circumferential Highway Impact

- J Battis – Selectman Maddox approached him to have the ConCom look at old right-of-way to identify areas of sensitivity
  - has looked at some documents – Environmental Impact Statement,
  - Should look at Open Space report and Prime wetlands study
  - Is trying to get access to the Army Corps of Engineers – Record of Decision. Not likely anything has changed.
  - Planning Board has initiated a traffic impact study
  - No engineering has been done
  - Environmental Impact Statement has map that identified some areas of concern
  - Will get copy of Record of Decision
  - S Rumbaugh – What oversight of the ConCom input?
  - How will the overall selection of Prime Wetlands be handled?

G. FY 2014 Budget

- J Battis – Donation accounts – Accounts need to be corrected for DASH Expenditures

**V. FINANCIAL STATUS:**

Treasurers Report

J Battis - Copy of “Conservation Commission Proposed Budget Request”

Copy of Budget proposal provided.  
No comments

**VI.**

**VII. CORRESPONDANCE  
NONE**

**VIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A. Approval of Minutes:

- July 9, 2012  
Motion to approve: S Rumbaugh  
Second: T Quinn  
Vote 6 - 0
- August 13, 2012  
Motion to approve as amended: S Rumbaugh  
Second: T Quinn  
Vote: 6 - 0
- September 10, 2012  
Deferred
- September 24, 2012 Workshop  
Motion to accept as amended: S Rumbaugh  
Second by: T Quinn  
Vote: 6-0

**IX. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:**

- S Rumbaugh – The Abinakee word pemigewaset means “swift”
- Curt Laffin – knows where there is a Marsh farm
- N Bruckner – pleased to see an interest in the historic area
- T Quinn – annual meeting of New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions is Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> recommends attendance.
- K Dickinson – Town Forest is in need of attention. Last harvest was in 2006.
  - Suggest we seek someone who is interested in beginning a tree farm.
  - Suggest we do a survey of the trees.
  - Need to pick up trash at trail on the right of the entrance

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

Motion by T Quinn  
Second by K Dickinson  
Vote: 6 – 0 in Favor  
Meeting adjourned: 10:15PM

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