



TOWN OF HUDSON

Conservation Commission



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HUDSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

DATE April 9, 2012 – Minutes

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 on April 9, 2012, opened at 7:06 P.M. in the Community Development Conference Room of Town Hall. Chairman Jim Battis Presided

Members of the Commission present:	J Battis, P Dubay, K Dickinson, S Rumbaugh, T Quinn
Members of the Commission absent:	N Lamoureux excused
Member of Town Staff present:	None, excused
Board of Selectman Representative present:	N Brucker
Seating of Alternates:	None

I. PUBLIC INPUT RELATED TO NON-AGENDA ITEMS

a. None CLOSED at 7:12 P.M.

II. OLD BUSINESS

a. None

III. NEW BUSINESS

a. None

V. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Funding for the VLAP and DASH Unit
 - i. Presentation by J Kegley – Hudson Ponds Budget
 - 1. Plan for FY2012 expenditures
 - 2. Discussions:
 - a. J Kegley – Funds come from Donations accounts (\$4000.) and Capital Reserve Funds (\$7,900.) – Process to follow to access funds – Inform the BOS of plans to operate the DASH units at both ponds in Fiscal Year 2012 and the need for funds to be released – Expenditure for Lake Host Program has to be made in May for DASH expenditures are 11,900. – With proper use of DASH herbicides can be eliminated
 - b. J Battis – Individual accounts are below required funds – balance can be paid from general “Ponds” account – need to inform BOS so that there are no surprises when Payment Vouchers are processed
 - c. T Quinn – BOS has to approved invoices before work can begin
 - d. S Rumbaugh – may need to encumber funds – VLAP funds are budgeted – put “Potential Questions and Discussion Points” on the Web Site – All in favor

VI. OPEN SPACE PLAN

- a. Workshop held on March 29, 2012
 - i. Discussions:
 - 1. Importance of Agriculture Properties
 - ii. Plan
 - 1. Edits made to the plan
 - a. J Battis will prepare Plan for submittal to IT
 - iii. Motion
 - 1. Add preamble to opening page to state that the data used was what was available at the time the plan was assembled
 - iv. motioned by T Quinn
 - v. second by P Dubay
 - vi. Vote 5-0 Favor

VII. STEWARDSHIP OF CONSERVED LANDS

- a. Meeting with BOS
 - i. Expressed views for consideration
 - 1. Maintain the current properties
 - 2. Trail maintenance and ATV use
 - a. Discussion
 - b. J Battis – stewardship costs need to be put into the budget – enforcement needs to be done by the Police Dept – ATV use is an illegal use of the conservation properties – Enforcement needs to be done by a fulltime organization
 - c. Enforcement is an issue
 - d. Lack of resources in the Community Development office and Police Dept
 - e. If caught heavy fines will be imposed by the State
 - ii. “Friends of Musquash Property” organization

- b. Maps
 - i. Should be reviewed for latest configuration
 - ii. Are available online and should be available at all entrances
 - 1. Acct# 6-4619-5586-241-000 could be used for map generation
 - iii. Correct Stewardship Plan will be available at a future meeting
- c. Town Forest could be segmented to develop a tree farm

VIII. DONATIONS

No action

IX. TAILS NAMING AT MUSQUASH CONSERVATION POND

- a. There are two trails with current names
- b. Interns to GPS trails Summer 2012
- c. Email to set up a site walk and subsequent workshop
 - i. Finalize trail names
 - a. Motion to hold workshop on April 26, 2012 with intent to develop Trail Names
 - b. Motion by: S Rumbaugh
 - c. Second by: P Dubay
 - d. Vote 5-0 in favor
- d. Administrative Aide Support for HCC will be Kimberly Moore
- e. T Quinn to update correspondence documents and apply e-mail address
 - i. Correct Conservation Commission
 - 1. Appointed seven (7) voting members
 - 2. Appointed three (3) alternates
 - 3. 3 year terms
 - 4. Selectman Liaison - N Brucker
 - 5. Selectman Clerk – T Quinn (will be identified)

X. FINANCIAL STATUS:

- a. Treasurer's report:
 - i. Interest \$ 20.44
 - ii. Manifests \$150.00
- b. Cash flow:
 - i. Beginning Balance \$644,909.60
 - ii. Ending Balance \$644,780.04
- c. Sequester of Treasurers funds
- d. Expenditure Report
 - i. Month to date \$ 99.65
 - ii. Year to date \$15088.54
 - iii. % used: 64.1

XI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a. Approval of March 12, 2012 Minutes
 - i. Motion to approved as amended
 - 1. Motion by: T Quinn
 - 2. Second by: P Dubay
 - 3. Vote 5-0 favor

XII. CORRESPONDENCE:

- a. Resignation letter from N Brucker (March 26, 2012) – conflict with being on BOS
 - i. Motion to accept with gratitude: T Quinn
 - 1. Second by: P Dubay
 - ii. Vote 5-0 in favor
- b. Reimbursement from State regarding milfoil removal

XIII. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

- a. K Dickinson - Tree Farm Potential
- b. N Brucker - willing to help facilitating with other departments
- c. P Dubay - DES Water Bureau has much useful data
- d. J Battis - Recommends that Commission watch the BOS meeting of March 22
 - a. to get a picture of the Boards position on establishing goals

XIV. NON-PUBLIC SESSION:

- a. Motion to bring suggested proposal to the next available BOS meeting
 - i. Motion to approve by S Rumbaugh
 - 1. Second by K Dickinson
 - ii. Vote: 7-0 in favor

XV. MOTION TO ADJOURN:

- a. Motion to adjourn
 - i. Motion by T Quinn
 - 1. Second by P Dubay
 - ii. Vote: 5-0 in favor

Meeting adjourned at 9:28 P.M.

Jim Battis, Chairman