



TOWN OF HUDSON

Conservation Commission



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CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES July 11, 2011

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.). Should you have any questions concerning these minutes or wish to see the original recording, please contact the Town Engineer's Office at 603-886-6008. 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, K Dickinson (arrived 7:50) N Lamoureux, L Kipnes, T Quinn, S Rumbaugh, T Nawrocki, R Friedburg

Members of the Commission absent: P Dubay(excused), J Lamieux - Resigned

Member of Town Staff present: None

Board of Selectman Representative present: T Luszey

Seating of Alternates: T Nawrocki for P Dubay R Friedburg for K Dickinson

I. PUBLIC INPUT RELATED TO NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

A. Report: Hudson Exotic Weed Control Programs – Seven Pages

1. Volunteers

- Volunteers Status Clarified
- Outline of volunteer Activities: VLAP, Lake Hosts, DASH
- DASH Operators – Attorney Buckley Recommendation that only qualified personnel operate the equipment (letter attached)

B. Herbicide:

1. History of Herbicide Applications:

- Ottarnic Pond: 4 years apart (2005, 2009)
- Robinson Pond: 8 years apart (2002, 2010)

Pros & Cons of Herbicide Treatment

Sonar (herbicide) effective chemical control. Stops Fanwort and Variable Milfoil in the season it is applied. Plants take 3 to 5 years to return to level of infestation.

Herbicide treatment is only a temporary solution with no potential for eradication. Also leaves decaying biomass in the water that contributes to nutrient loading and algae blooms.

C. DASH History & Outcomes

1. 2010: Table provided to document biomass removal

	Ottarnic		Robinson	
	Days	Biomass	Days	Biomass
July 2010	4	395 gal 0	0	0
June 2011	3	44 gal	2	12 gal
July 2011	2	260 gal		

Biomass amounts affected by the size of the plants.

D. Budget

1. DASH Purchase

- Total Cost \$7495
 - Cost Sharing: \$5000 NH Lakes Association, \$500 A B Aquatics match \$1995 HCC
 - Table of overall costs provided for FY- 2009 through 2012 use of Capital Fund and continued donations unclear.
- 2. DASH Repairs and annual operating costs:**
- No current account for this Annual Operating Costs: \$300 - pump, ceramic seals, bags, gas@1 gal/day
 - Repairs: catch bag or basin (\$460 for replacement bag vs. \$1000 for stainless steel basket
 - Discussion: recommended stainless steel basket – will last longer and is more resilient in handling.
 - Motion: To authorize procurement of stainless steel basket
 - Motion by: L Kipnes to expend up to \$1000 for a stainless steel basket to be funded from Professional Services (establish account)

Second by J Battis

Vote: 7 – 0 – 0 in favor.

Trailer: Pond volunteers will obtain 3 quotes for a transportation trailer to be discussed at next meeting.

Ed Mercer – Invitation to observe volunteers in action.

Just call or e-mail him

Non Agenda session closed at 8:03

II. OLD BUSINESS:

None

III. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Map 167 Lot 067, 93 Highland Street – Ed and Karen Mercer

Request for a Wetlands Special Exception to replace existing deteriorating steps to the pond.

Plan: Same title

1. Discussion: Impact: Wetland + 96 sq ft of buffer.

Purpose to replace the stairs with new ones.

Motion to Recommend: K Dickinson

Second: L Kipnes

Vote: 7- 0 -0 in Favor

B. Map 134, Lot 25 35 Hazelwood Rd, Hudson, NH

Plan by same Title

Request for Wetlands Special Exception to create a path to the water and install a dock in the water.

1. Discussion: Have State Permits forgiveness
 - No digging in water. Posts will rest on pad in the water.
 - No equipment will be used.

Motion to recommend with stipulations: S Rumbaugh

Second: L Kipnes

Vote: 7-0-0

IV. OTHER BUSINESS:

A. Prime Wetlands

Meeting with BOS tomorrow night

B. Watershed Study – Interns working should be ready for review for next meeting

C. Open Space Plan – K Dickenson has the disc. Will provide copy of changed pages

D. Management of Conservation Funds

Pending meeting with Finance Director

E. Stewardship of Conserved Lands

F. Town Forest - Need to file report. Look at report provided by John Nute

Parker Reserve – Need to file report. Look at report provided by John Nute

Musquash – need another clean up day or night.

G. Acquisition of Property

No discussion

V. TREASURER’S REPORT AND CASHFLOW:

Still no definition of funds earmarked for land acquisition of easements.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes June 13, 2011

Approved as amended – spelling errors

Motion by L Kipnes

Second: J Battis

VII. CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. Letter from Bill Oleksak, Zoning Administrator, regarding Map 134 Lot 25, Margery Harris & Bruce Atwood – 35 Hazelwood Drive. Need for appearance before the Conservation Commission

- B. June 15 letter from NHDES on 12 Campbello Street Wetlands Bureau File 2008 – 00206.

VIII. COMMISSIONER’S COMMENTS:

A. Last non agenda item Merrill Park modifications.

Not feasible – need to address current issues first.

B. Sandra Rumbaugh – Review of recommendations of J Nute at Town Forest:

1. Recommends Timber Harvest on 20/20 basis. Would mean next harvest would be in 9 years.
2. Recommends the field near the ponds mowed in late August.
3. Recommends the lower pond be stocked with fish and hold a fishing derby.
4. Observed ATV use

C. Parker Reserve:

1. Cannot find a deeded access to the Reserve entrance off of Woodcrest Drive, recommends an installation of duck boxes.
2. Does not believe that the amount of slash is a problem.
3. Londonderry Website has Maps depicting conserved areas. Wants to approach them for information. Agreed

D. Conclusion – put plan together for maintenance of Town Forrest and Parker Reserve to T Quinn to take to Community Development for approval.

E. L Kipnes:

1. Old Home Days – have to staff the reserved areas for all hours.
2. Possible to share with the Green Team both space and hours.
3. Need to identify what we are going to display
4. Need to establish staffing plan.

Motion for 20 foot by 10 foot space for up to \$150

Motion by K Dickenson

Second by J Battis

Vote 7 – 0 – 0 in favor

F. Green Tip: Recycle

G. K Dickinson: Town Forest: Recommends timber harvest now.

T Quinn – should stay with Forestry Plan

Need to clean up areas with broken glass in field and forest.

Trails need maintenance

Recommends a kiosk

IX. MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Motion by: T Nawrocki

Second by: N Lamoureux

Vote: 7 – 0 in Favor

Meeting adjourned at 9:50

T Quinn, Chairman