



TOWN OF HUDSON

Conservation Commission



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CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES June 13, 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 K Dickinson, L Kipnes, S Rumbaugh, N Lamoureux and T Quinn

Members of the Commission absent: J Battis (excused), T Nawrocki (excused), R Friedburg (excused), P Dubay (arrived at 8:30) and, J Lemieux

Member of Town Staff present: Excused

Board of Selectman Representative present: Absent

Seating of Alternates: None

I. PUBLIC INPUT RELATED TO NON-AGENDA ITEMS

A. Presentation by Kyle Scribner 14 Chattuck St Nashua NH

- Three page document presented to address the proposed use of Merrill Park
- increase use of the park
- Educate the public about water conservation and responsible uses of natural resources
- Encourage volunteerism
- Generate Revenue for the City

B. Increase Public awareness

- Storm water management
- Establish natural resource protection citizens' groups
- Educate Town boards and officials, civic groups and interested citizens about Hudson's six watersheds
- Encourage school teachers and youth – oriented groups to use natural areas as outdoor classrooms

C. Increase Environmental Stewardship

- Maintain and improve existing trails

- Partner with land trusts and abutting towns to identify and take advantage of opportunities that contribute to protection and Stewardship of open space.
- Plan, develop and maintain trails for recreational use
- Establish rules for the use of existing trails and conservation lands

D. Proposed Plan;

1. PSNH Merrimack River Education Center and Outdoor Adventure Tour at Merrill Park

- Build twin Zip Lines across the Merrimack River, charge a fee
- Increase the number of existing picnic tables Add outdoor grills
- Create a volleyball court, an activities field, sunbathing deck with attached canoe/kayak dock for rentals. Create a solar-powered center with videos and interactive exhibits about the Merrimack River conservation efforts
- Create signs at intervals to display the park history.
- Establish a water testing laboratory

E. Cost of the effort not developed

1. Revenue based on a charge of \$20 per zip line ride and \$1800 per day; \$54,000 per month and \$378,000 per year based on operation from April to October

F. Potential sources of Funding:

- PSNH for the solar powered center
- LMRLAC
- Dept of Agriculture Business and Cooperative Programs B & I Loan
- Clean Water State Revolving Fund
- NH DES
- Capital Regional Development Council

G. Concerns:

- Impacts Shoreline Protection Act Area
- Needs Army Corps of Engineer approval
- Parking space limited
- Costs of creation
- Zoning, potential deed restrictions

II. OLD BUSINESS

None

III. NEW BUSINES

None

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Prime Wetlands

- Activity suspended pending legislation at Concord

B. Open Space Plan

- Find out if Betty has the disc

C. Watershed Study

- Engineering has the disc, waiting interns

D. Management of Conservation Funds:

- Waiting Input from Finance Dept

E. Stewardship of Conserved Lands

- Reschedule of Musquash cleanup – Thursday June 16 at 6:30
- Engineering has map for kiosk

- S Rumbaugh to get quote for kiosk Plexi glass
- Bridge repair – waiting response for Eagle Scout Project – P Dubay
- Need to address broken glass at Beaver Dam

F. Clean up at Parker Reserve

- Sandra Rumbaugh to contact John Nute at University of NH Cooperative Extension for assessment*

G. Old Home Days

- Linda Kipnes to contact Green Team for joint tables

V. TREASURER’S REPORT AND CASHFLOW

- A.** Expenditures: May Expenditures: \$4048.00
- B.** Cash Flow: April interest earned: \$27.44
- C.** Expended: \$80.00

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

- A.** Letter of acceptance of donation of \$250.00 for Robinson Pond from Mr. and Mrs. Mike Grunder by BOS
- B.** Memo from K Carpentier on encumbrances
- C.** Planned Expenditures: \$1500.00 for Open Space Book:
 \$200.00 for Musquash Kiosk Plexi Glass replacement
 \$100.00 for sign replacement at Musquash
 \$1000.00 for Kiosk at Town Forest

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A.** May 9, 2011 Minutes
 Corrections made for format and spelling.
 Motion to accept as amended: L Kipnes
 Second by N Lamoureux
 Vote: 6-0-0

VIII. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

IX. MOTION TO ADJOURN

- Motion by S Rumbaugh
 Second by L Kipnes
 Vote: 6 – 0 in Favor
 Meeting adjourned at 8:46

T Quinn, Chairman