

HUDSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

DATE August 9, 2010

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 in the Community Development Conference Room of Town Hall. Chairman Timothy Quinn presided

Members of the Commission present: Michelle Champion, Ken Dickinson, Linda Kipnes (vice Chair), Suellen Quinlan, Tim Quinn (Chairman), Sandra Rumbaugh, Tim Nawrocki, Ed Mercer (arrived @ 7:29)

Members of the Commission absent: J Battis - excused

Member of Town Staff present: None

Board of Selectman Representative present: Not Present

Seating of Alternates: T Nawrocki for J Battis

I. Public Input Related to Non-Agenda Items

None

II. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Dredge and fill Application for 15 Heron Pond Way After the Fact: Map 249 Lot 220 – non appearance by owner Notice sent to DES & Code enforcement Office
- B. Dredge and Fill Application; 12 Campbello Street Map 173, Lot 019 Dock Permit on the Merrimac River – non appearance by the owner. Notice sent to DES & Code enforcement Office
- C. Dredge and Fill Application for 203/205 Lowell Road – Fairview Nursing Home. Letter from Keach- Nordstrom dated July 22, 2010. Information only.

III. NEW BUSINESS

None

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

Steven Listenberg:

A. **Proposed Benson Park Bridge at Post 14. Same as R Empey Plan Location 2.**

- Both applications were taken together.
 - Description of work: construct 16 foot long by 42 inch wide across the wetland. On the Hazelton Trail Bridge would cross the sewer easement.
 - Need to address with Town Road agent and Town Engineer
 - Bridge would be placed on 6 x 6 granite stones, dug in to a level to stabilize them. And crushed.
 - Start date not yet established. Completion is planned for by the end of October.
 - Fund raiser to be coordinated.
- Motion to Recommend a wetland special exception to construct the bridge as presented.
 Motion By L Kipnes
 Second by K Dickinson
 Vote: 7 – 0 _ 0 in Favor

B. **Dick Empey for 4 wetlands special exceptions for trail Wetland crossings**

Map and bridge plans Provided

C. **Location 1 Between Post 7 and 8 Crossing over drainage swale that goes into the Beaver Pond. Plan to construct a bridge 12 feet Long by 32 inches wide.**

Has minimal flow at high water occurrence. Bridge will be placed on crushed stone.
 Bridge 12 feet long by 32 inches wide. Picture of work area provided.
 Motion to recommend a wetlands special exception to construct a bridge per between post 7 and Post 8 per the Map/ and plan provided.
 Motion by Linda Kipnes
 Second by K Dickinson
 Vote: 7 – 0 – 0

D. **Location 3, Near Post 19 North of post 20. Plan to build a bridge 16 feet long by 32 inches wide to span a seasonal wetland.**

Beaver activity has created a rise in the water level, and an increase in mud area.
 Need to put post in wetland to support the bridge.
 Water flow is minimal and not more than 18 inches wide. Mud is the greater problem.
 Motion to Recommend a Wetlands Special Exception to construct a bridge at Location 3 per the Map/Plan provided.
 Motion by Linda Kipnes

Second by K Dickinson
Vote: 7 – 0 – 0 in favor

E. Location 4 south of Post 7, along Otter Pond; Plan to Construct a Bridge 24 feet long by 32 inches wide to cross a seasonal mud spot and stop the trampling of vegetation to avoid wet area.

Bridge will require supports at the ends and 2 inside.
Height of the bridge based on conditions this spring
Motion to Recommend a Wetlands Special Exception to construct the bridge per the Plan and Map
Motion by: Linda Kipnes
Second by: K Dickinson
Vote: 7 – 0 – 0 in favor.

F. Location 5 North end of Otter pond between Post 7 and Post 19. Fill area 35 feet long by 36 inches wide and 4 to 6 inches deep with crushed stone.

The purpose is to raise the trail above the wet level.
Motion to Recommend a Wetlands special exception to fill the area described in the Map and plan provided.
Motion by Linda Kipnes
Second by: K Dickinson
Vote: 7 – 0 – 0 in favor

Locations 4 and 5 need to have a minimum impact permit from DES

G. Cost of funding of Lots 1, 3 and 4 is \$665.

Motion to fund the effort from the Conservation Fund
Motion by; Sandra Rumbaugh
Second by: Linda Kipnes
Vote: 7 – 0 – 0 in favor

H. Benson Park (Tim Linehan – Intern) Invasive Plants

Deferred, T Linehan not Present.

I. Entrance signs at the Town Forest and Musquash Conservation Property.

Both Signs have been reconditioned.

J. Prime Wetlands

Confusion over what the 50 foot and 100 foot data means. M Champion has clarified. The data is in reference to the structures. Little Ottarnic Pond has apparent discrepancies. Postings need to state the data is based on estimates.

Sandra needs to get a copy of the previous proposed ordinance.

K. Robinson Pond 2011 Budget Proposal

Presentation by J Kegley and J Bowles

Three Page proposal sheets provided

Summary page – total request is \$17,000

Major expenditure is for DASH for \$10125

Lake Host Matching funds are \$1025

Water Testing - \$680

Kiosk Maintenance - \$200

NH Lake Association Membership - \$300

Education/Outreach/mailings \$150

The total of \$12505 will be offset by \$2975 unexpended funds

encumbered from DASH diver expense.

Total Required is \$17,000 with VLAP (\$1700) and Lake Host (\$3300)

T Quinn – the ConCom cannot continue to fund the efforts at the current level. Source is budget and Capital reserve fund.

L. Watershed Study

Curt Laffin advises that he is close to being ready to address the ConCom

M. Open Space Plan

M Champion – will be ready for acceptance at the September meeting

N. By Law Regulations

Attorney Buckley provided response with some minor corrections

O. Stewardship Plan and Maintenance Funding for each Conserved Property.

Walk of Town Forest revealed the following problems:

- 1) Sign F 1 is missing
- 2) Sign (tbd) destroyed
- 3) At F21 there is a tree overhanging the trail supported by limbs – needs immediate correction. T Quinn to contact Kevin Burns
- 4) Many parts of the trails have brush intrusion – need to develop a plan to maintain. Contact Phyllis Appler at Alvirne. Contact Dick Empey.
Ben Dibble for making new signs by Boy Scouts to Post no Hunting, no motorized vehicles.

V. Treasurers Report

No Comments

VI. Correspondence

No significant items

VII. Approval of Minutes

Wrong minutes in packet for May

July Minutes – deferred to September meeting

VIII. Commissioners Comments:

Suellen Quinlan: Staffing for Old Home Days:

- Thursday: Set Up from **2 to 4**
- Operation from 5 to 10
- Friday 5 to 11
- Saturday from noon to 11
- Sunday From noon to 5.
- Linda Kipnes: Boiling water in the microwave is more efficient lowering thermostat by one degree will reduce energy used by 3%.
- Centering cooking pots/pans maximizes energy input

IX.

Motion to adjourn:

Motion by Suellen Quinlan

Second by T Nawrocki

Vote: 7 – 0 - 0 in Favor

Meeting adjourned at 9:30

T Quinn, Chairman