

HUDSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
DATE June 14, 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 May 10, 2010 in the Community Development Conference Room of Town Hall. Chairman Timothy Quinn presided

Members of the Commission present Sandra Rumbaugh, Ken Dickinson, James Battis, Michelle Champion, Ed Mercer (alternate), Suellen Quinlan (arrived at 7:30), Timothy Nawrocki,(alternate), Linda Kipnes and Timothy Quinn, Gary Webster Town Engineer, Board of Selectman Representative present: Ken Massey

Seating of Alternates: E Mercer for S Quinlan

I. Public Input Related to Non-Agenda Items

A. Eagle Scout Robinson Pond Trail

Presentation by Philip Christopher including narrative and map. Map of proposed trail to connect two existing trails bordering Robinson Pond in the recreation area, build a kiosk. Labeled "Yellow Triangle Trail" Plan; J – 12104 by Maynard and Paquette, Engineering Associates dated 12-30- 2008 Bridges to be placed at points 2 and 4 on existing trail. Points 6 and 6 are the connection points for the new trail. Bridges are to be two feet wide to discourage ATV traffic. Will need Wetlands special Exceptions for both bridges. Also will need a DES minimum impact permit. Also, kiosk needs both WSE and Minimum Impact permit. Bridge life expectancy is about 10 to 20 years. Will be constructed with stainless steel screws. Project is planned for October. Has been reviewed and approved by the Recreation Department. Maintenance will be by the Town. Will look at placing posts on sloped concrete base or using gravel

Motion to Approve plan with three wetlands special exceptions for bridge at point 2, bridge at point 4 and at kiosk location. Also need minimum impact permit for work performed in shoreline protection area?

Motion by: S Rumbaugh

Second by M Champion
Vote to approve: Unanimous.

- B. Karen Mercer – report that a commercial vehicle was cleaning their equipment at Claveau Landing and using pond to fill tank. The pond has sign prohibiting commercial vehicles.

Action: T Quinn: notify the Code Enforcement Officer and the Police Department. Company Name: US Lawn.

II. OLD BUSINESS – None

III. NEW BUSINESS - None

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Jarry Subdivision Development

need to call a joint meeting (three land use boards) to develop process to assure the final plan receives a complete review. ConCom will attend a meeting with the Town Attorney at the August 4 workshop. ConCom will issue caviat when a complete plan is not reviewed.

B. Entrance Sign at Town Forest

T Quinn observed the sign and it is in need of some restoration. Also the sign is not visible from the road because of brush present in front of the sign on both sides. Also, brush has overgrown the viable parking area.

Action: T Quinn finds out contact at Alvirne High School Forestry Class. Pursue interest in performing the work.

Brush has blocked line of sight between signs. Site walk scheduled conducted Sunday, May 23 at 1:00PM. Jim Battis and Tim Quinn walked the trails and observed that many signs are deteriorating in that the location labels are peeling off. Two have been run over, likely by ATV's. Some signs are over covered with brush. Need to coat the sign.

K Burns cleared area at entrance for parking.

Tim Linehan found 34 signs. Some are nailed to the trees.

T Quinn to follow up with Matt Haefner as to what is the plan to fix.

Motion to expend \$100 for materials at True Value – S Quinlan

Second: S Rumbaugh –

Vote: 7 – 0 in favor

Also found trails have changed at Musquash Reserve due to fallen trees.

Entrance sign at Musquash and Tri State forest needs attention.

C. 2010 Lake Management Program.

Karen Mercer – presented document: DASH Unit Payments Total expense is \$16,000.

\$3000 donation to be voted on for acceptance by the ConCom and add to Ottarnic Pond Account.

\$7000 is to come from Conservation Fund.

\$5000 is to come from N H Lakes Association grant.

\$1000 is to come from existing Ottarnic Pond Fund.

Ottarnic Pond Association to recruit funds from local businesses sponsors will be listed on the Kiosk or in the Annual Town report.

Estimated annual cost for DASH use is \$23,000. Suggest that annual budget process begins in July. Send notice to Robinson Pond Association.

Selectman Massey to ascertain how donations can be received.

Meeting for public volunteers to be held on June 22 at the Ann Seabury Conference room on June 22, 2010.

Action: for a memo to request BOS to accept \$1000 grant – action T Quinn.

D. 2010 Lake Host Program –

Discussed as part of item 3 above

E. Watershed Study

Deferred

F. Robinson Pond (VLAP)

Deferred – Treatment is in process.

G. Open Space Plan

Workshop conducted May 25. Plan reviewed, minor changes made. Will have Tim Linehan review currency of those properties listed as not developed.

H. NH Lakes Weed Control Grant Program

Discussed as part of item 3 above.

I. Aquatic –Robinson Pond – Equipment for treatment of Invasive Plants

Discussed as part of item 3 above.

J. By-Law Regulations

Is pending review by Attorney Buckley?

V. Financial Status

Treasurer's Report – discussed status of expenditures

Expenditure Report – discussed status of expenditures

VI. Correspondence

- A. Encumbrances - \$2000 DASH Unit -Account Other Professional Services (06-4619-5586-252-0000)
 \$100 Town Forest Signs -Account Other Professional Services
 \$500 Town Forest sign work – need invoices-Account Other Professional Services
 \$132.13 Prime Wetlands Maps – Account (06-4619-5586-241-0000)

VII. Approval of May 8 Minutes
 Deferred

VIII. Prime Wetlands

Planning Board meeting held June 2. Board wants expanded definition of impacts to include impact on land areas. Wants presentation to include reason for selected Prime Wetlands. Need to meet with John Cashell to establish format. T Quinn to establish date/time.

K Dickinson – needs to voice over some. Wants ConCom review.

IX. Commissioners Comments:

- K Dickinson – Will continue work on video
- **J Battis** – Work at Benson Park is impressive
- **S Rumbaugh** – wants to recognize the volunteers that work in ad hoc organizations on conservation issues,
- **M Champion** – Audubon bird walk last Sunday –
- **L Kipnes** – thanks for help with Butterfly Garden. Would like donation of plants or flowers that attract butterflies.
- Has reserved a table at Old Home Days. Will co-staff with Green Team
- Need inputs on content and staffing.
- Green Tip. Try to avoid household cleaning products that have chemicals that are pernicious.
- **E Mercer** – Tanks for support of ConCom for Ponds. Ottarnic Pond looks good and fishing has returned.
- **S Quinlan** – requests those using roads near Miles Swamp to avoid damage to wildlife that cross the roads.
- **T Quinn** – will not attend September meeting

X. Motion to adjourn public session

Motion by S Quinlan

Second by L Kipnes

Vote: 7 – 0 in Favor

Meeting adjourned 9:47.

T Quinn, Chairman