

**HUDSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**DATE January 11, 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.). 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 on December January 11, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. in the Selectman's Conference Room of Town Hall. Chairman Haefner presided.

Members of the Commission present: J Battis, S Rumbaugh, M Champion, and S Quinlan  
 E Mercer (alternate), T Nawroki (Alternate)  
 Members of the Commission absent: K Dickenson; L Kipnes  
 Member of Town Staff present: G Webster – Town Engineer  
 Board of Selectman Representative present: K Massey

Seating of Alternates:  
 E Mercer for K Dickinson

Acting Chairman for the meeting: T Quinn

**1. Public Input Related to Non-Agenda Items**

Opened 7:10 PM

No Input

Closed 7:11 PM

**2. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

None

**4 OTHER BUSINESS**

**Election of Officers**

Deferred to February Meeting to include members of the February meeting

**TRAIL MARKERS**

Discussion with George Bower: Musquash

Presentation of financial plan and distribution of copy.

Total cost \$1091.17

Cost after donations \$1011.74

Anticipated cost after discounts \$910.57

Anticipated cost to Conservation Commission after fund raising is approximately \$500

**Prime Wetlands Study:**

Planning Board voted not to send to Warrant on a 3 for; 3 against and Selectman Maddox Abstaining

Two of the votes against were due to the inclusion of two prime wetlands designations for wetlands in the "Mad Maddox Highway" corridor. (G Hall and T Chadwick) One, (V Russo) because of the relinquishment of control to the State.

G Hall and T Chadwick stated that they would vote in favor if they were removed

Discussion on the probability of a highway:

S Quinlan- There is no State support for the highway. Therefore would be funded from town funds. Is a multi million dollar project which is not likely to be supported by the voters

Any proposal to build the highway would require state approval because of the wetlands disturbance, regardless of the Prime Wetlands designation

K Massey – would cost in excess to \$20 million not likely to be supported in the near future

S Quinlan – Green Meadow project is in hiatus with no forecast as to when it will come under active discussion. Last plan for traffic routing not likely to obtain state funds to connect route 3 to route 111.

S Rumbaugh - Recommend that we withdraw two wetlands from the proposal and proceed to the January 19 public hearing, and Put them on next year's agenda.

M Champion – agree with S Rumbaugh. It is unlikely that any impact to those wetlands

G Webster, - the original plan was stopped because of objections from state and federal authorities.

S Massey – Salem was able to proceed with roadway project by removing wetlands from the prime designation. Then adding back later.

The State owns the properties affected, and federal funds were involved, which assures that they would be involved with any plans to put in a road.

J Battis – Not protecting the two, allows greater potential for development. Protecting only a part devalues the effort.

M Champion – report depicts wetlands candidates. Does not prescribe those selected for the warrant article.

Motion to proceed to Warrant Submission, removing 17 A and 18B Wetlands – M Champion

Second – S Rumbaugh

Vote: In Favor: 6 Opposed:

Need to be ready to field questions on two sites on the old proposed circumferential highway. These are the first and third highest rated sites. Look at possibility of using a spanning bridge to cross over the wetlands.

Plan is posted on the Town website and at the library

**Robinson Pond**

The requested warrant article was amended to raise initial funding be \$10,000  
 E Mercer –The Ottarnic Association plans to be active in gaining support  
 for the warrant article passage,  
 G Webster has received a report from DES to be included in next month's meeting

**Open Space Plan:**

M Champion reported that the plan is being revised to include comments from the  
 Commission  
 Plan is near completion Computer Failure has impeded progress.  
 G Webster will provide maps as needed

**BUDGET 2010/2011**

Budget has been reviewed by both the BOS and Budget Committee.

**FINANCIAL STATUS**

Conversation from Dec Meeting:  
 (Expenditures from Conservation Fund. Who is authorized to commit expenditures? Who  
 are authorized to sign?  
 Action: L Kipnes check with Kathy Carpentier).  
 Are bylaws needed? Put on February Agenda.

**APPROVAL of MINUTES**

December 14 Minutes  
 Corrections to spelling and grammar  
 Motion to approve as amended: S Rumbaugh  
 Second: M Champion

**Addition to Agenda:**

Payment Voucher for Aquatic Treatment for Robinson Pond.  
 for \$1875 for permits. Need to contact J Kegley for expenditure plan.  
 Action T Quinn

**Correspondence**

Motion to expend \$50 from the budget to Society for the Protection of  
 New Hampshire Forrest – S Rumbaugh  
 Second – M Champion  
 Vote - Unanimous  
 Invoice signed by T Quinn  
 Correspondence from Town Engineer to DES dated 10 December 2009 for  
 a Dredge and Fill application for emergency repairs on Campbello Street  
 Extension performed by the Highway Department. Application and plan  
 included.

**Commissioners Comments**

S Rumbaugh – provided pamphlet on Benson Property.  
 E Mercer – Provided Ottarnic Pond Report for distribution in February meeting  
 - State is working with towns for procurement of reaping machines to uproot  
 invasive plants. Possible to partner with town of Brookline, and others.  
 T Nawroki - Found meeting informative.

**Motion to adjourn:**

Motion by J Battis  
Second by S Rumbaugh  
Vote 5 – 0 in Favor

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM

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T Quinn, Acting Chairman