

HUDSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

February 9 2008

MEETING MINUTES

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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 public meeting of the Hudson Conservation Commission (HCC) was held on Monday, February 11 at 7:04 P.M. in the Community Development Room of Town Hall. Chairman Rumbaugh presided.

Members of the Commission present) James Battis, Michelle Champion, Robert Haefner (Vice Chairman), Linda Kipnes Timothy Quinn, Suellen Quinlan (Alternate)

Members of the Commission not present: Kenneth Dickinson

Members of Board of Selectmen Present: Kenneth Massey –liaison

Members of Town Staff Present: Thomas Sommers- Department Manager – Town Engineering

Also in Attendance Members for the Applicant - St Joseph's Medical Center.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA – None

PUBLIC INPUT RELATED TO NON-AGENDA ITEMS – None, closed at 7:08 P.M.

1. **Seating of Alternates:** Suellen Quinlan

2. **OLD BUSINESS** None

3. **NEW BUSINESS:**

Case 105-12, Robinson Road, St Joseph's Medical Center Nashua NH

Request for a Wetlands Special Exception Recommendation to allow a water line to cross over Chase Brook on Rt 102. **Plan Titled: Wetland Buffer Impact, Photographic Exhibit Plan St Joseph's Medical Center, Map 105 Lot 12 Robinson Road, Hudson New Hampshire, Hillsboro County.**

Applicant Representative: Anthony Basso of Keach-Nordstrom Associates, Inc.

Discussions Held

In response to questions asked by the commission:

The water pipe will pass over Chase Brook in an existing slope.

Buffer impact will be limited to a temporary disturbance of the buffer to a maximum extent of 9010 square feet along the South side of rt. 102. The crossing will be over the Chase Brook culvert passing under Rt. 102.

Erosion Control will use Best Management Practices (Standard HCC Stipulation), and will employ silt fencing to prevent fill from falling into the brook, and erosion control matting after the excursion.

No equipment will be used in the wetland.

The water pipe used will be insulated to prevent freezing.

Work will be ten feet inside of the edge of the headwall.

Work will start as soon as possible.

T Sommers advised that the town Water Utility has approved the plan.

Motion to Recommend with stipulations (see attachment A) Passed: 6 in Favor, 0 Opposed, 1 Abstention (T Quinn)

4 **OTHER BUSINESS**

A Election of Officers: Elected Chairman: Timothy Quinn, nominated by M Champion. Vote: 6-0-1 (Abstention – T Quinn)

Elected Vice Chairman: Robert Haefner Vote 6-0-1 (Abstention – R Haefner)

Secretary: Position will be filled on a rotational basis by the members in accordance with the list prepared by S Rumbaugh .

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5 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of 18 January 2008 were approved as amended. Vote 5-0-2 Abstention by T Quinn and R Haefner – not present at January meeting.

Discussion on minute's content: Agreed that current minutes contain excessive detail. They exceed statutory requirements, but have been augmented to include the requests of the other land use boards. Stated was that there is no memory of the HCC minutes ever being used in legal proceedings. Also the meetings are video recorded. T Quinn took the action to find out how long the video recordings are to be retained.

6. Commissioners Reports:

A Prime Wetlands Study

T Quinn reported that consultant VHB has completed and reported on the additional wetlands earmarked by K Dickinson with the following results: A number of the list contained ponds over six feet in depth, which are not included in the New Hampshire Management Plan (references provided). Some of the list would qualify if over the town border dimensions are included. There were five that VHB believes may qualify, and they could include in the study at a cost of \$900 each.

The commission agreed to postpone any action on the possible additions until after the current effort is completed. The mailings of permission cards and letters will be prepared this week, after minor data edits are completed.

T Quinn took the action to prepare a one sheet (aprox) paper on the effort for the Stormwater report. Due by April 1

Add to next Month's agenda: HCC interest in including ponds greater than six feet in depth – define T Quinn.

The effort of mapping is expected to start as soon as the ground is clear of snow and is possible. Mapping is expected to take about 4 weeks. The report is planned for late spring – early summer, in time to prepare a warrant article for next year's Town Meeting

B Earth Day

M Champion will arrange a planning meeting in early march. Plan will include advertising on HCTV. A one page paper will be prepared for inclusion in the Stormwater Report.

C Contribution to SPNHF

The commission voted to send a \$100 contribution to SPNHF. T Quinn to include in Stormwater report

D, Input from DES ref letter DES 08104 08.

The letter refers to a disturbance of terrain at map 110 Lots 38 and 39. No plan was included and no request for a Wetlands special exception has been submitted. No action.

E Ottarnic Pond

S Quinlan agreed to act as liaison to the Ottarnic Pond Advocates Group. There is a problem with obtaining funding from the state for continued eradication of invasive species. The HCC has an approved budget in July to fund a part of this effort. Indications from the recent workshop meeting held with the Board of Selectmen are that funding methods for a permanent account may be considered as part of the overall plan presented. Report requested for Stormwater Report

F. Robinson Pond

L Kipnes agreed to act as liaison to the Robinson Pond Advocates Group Report requested for Stormwater Report.

G. Watershed Study for UNH

M Champion has watershed map and will prepare a Project Proposal.

H Comments on Workshop with BOS.

The HCC needs to include in the plan milestones and dates. Topic to be on next month's agenda. Some are done or in progress.

Selectman Massey reported that the BOS was pleased with the HCC effort and that the completed plan should aid in obtaining funds for natural resource preservation.

R Haefner stated that the meeting was positive.

I. Open Space Plan

Effort is nearly complete, subject to a second review of several selected lots to obtain subcommittee consensus on recommendations.

J Conservation Land Trail Markers

T Quinn to investigate cost of markers and effort required to place them at intervals on the trails.

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K Annual Town Report.

S Rumbaugh reported the HCC portion has been submitted.

7 Correspondence

A Copies of the ZBA grant of a SWE for Cases 100-3, 105-6, 114-3, 115-2, 122-2 and 140-4 were distributed.

B. Copies of NH Division of Parks and Recreation document distributed for information.

8. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

T Sommers will be leaving February 22.

The Engineering Group is now a new Department with Gary Webster acting department Head. He will attend future HCC meetings. T Sommers has requested town procedures be updated to provide for a site inspection before any work commences. This should help correct past infractions in wetlands and buffers.

Members of the commission commended Tom for his service and wished him well in his new endeavor.

Linda Kipnes cited a Nashua Telegraph article on the Town of Wilton's recent acquisition of a large tract of land for conservation purposes. She notes that the town paid the associated fees, and wondered how the town was able to get the land.

She informed that there is a website (GCYCLE) which provides recycling for various items sites by zip code.

9 NON-PUBLIC SESSION

Non public session was entered by unanimous vote at 8:37PM. The board discussed acquisition of conservation lands and easements.

10. ADJOURMENT

By unanimous vote the meeting was adjourned at 9:42PM

Submitted,

T Quinn

Next Meeting – March 10, 2008