



# TOWN OF HUDSON

## Conservation Commission



Randy Brownrigg, Chairman

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**DATE: October 21, 2019**

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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In attendance = X   Alternates Seated = S   Partial Attendance = P   Excused Absence = E

Randy Brownrigg Chairman <u>  X  </u>	Brett Gagnon Vice-Chair <u>  X  </u>	William Collins Member <u>  X  </u>	Ken Dickinson Member <u>  X  </u>
Elliott Veloso Secretary <u>  E  </u>	Paula Hubert Alternate <u>  E  </u>	Jennifer Parkhurst Alternate <u>  X  </u>	
David Morin Select. Rep. <u>  X  </u>	Elvis Dhima Town Staff <u>  X  </u>		



**I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON AT 7:00 P.M.**

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. ROLL CALL**

**IV. SEATING OF ALTERNATES**

Alternate Jennifer Parkhurst was seated by the Chairman in place of Elliot Veloso

**V. Public Input Related to Non-Agenda Items: None**

## VI. Old Business

### A. Sign placement at entrances to the conservation properties around town.

Commission members present looked favorably on placing road side signs at the entrances to the various conservation properties. The purpose of these signs will be to provide better visibility of conserved land entry points for the public traveling along town roads. Mr. Dickinson move to spend an amount not to exceed \$600.00 form account 06-4619-5586-202-000 for the purchase of these signs and their installation hardware. Motion was seconded by Mr. Brownrigg. Motion carries 5/0/0

### B. Merrill Park Update.

Matter deferred, no date specific.

### C. Ribbon Cutting for 68 Pelham Road.

Mr. Collins provide fellow members with a quick update in regards to the ribbon cutting ceremony for the newly acquired conservation property located at 68 Pelham Road. He said that the property and trails were in good shape. Mr. Collins thanked Selectman Morin for the idea and added that he was looking forward to event.

### D. Town Forest cleanup day

A trail cleanup day at the Hudson Town Forest will be held on November 17, 2019 start time 9:00 a.m. As always the public is invited to attend

### E. Presentation of a Warrant Article for consideration by the voters of Hudson pertaining to a change in the number of sitting HCC members.

Mr. Gagnon present a draft copy of a Warrant Article to address the number of sitting members on the Hudson Conservation Commission. His draft Warrant Article will read as follows.

“Shall the Town vote to increase the current membership of the Conservation Commission from 5 members to 7 members as permitted by RSA 36-A:3”

Mr. Collins moved to accept the draft warrant article as written and to forward this article to the Board of Selectmen for consideration and inclusion on the town ballot for the year 2020. Mrs. Parkhurst seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/1/0. Chairman Brownrigg voted in opposition to this motion stating that a five member board seemed adequate to conduct commission business

## VII. New Business

### A. Wetlands Special Exception Application for Friars Drive, Map 209, Lot 001-000

Applicant Representative Attorney Thomas Leonard appeared before the commission seeking its

recommendation to approve a new Wetland Special Exception application for Friars Drive. Attorney Leonard explained that this new application supersedes the previously approved WSE and was need to document a wider road width and increased wetland buffer disturbances.

Mr. Collins moved to recommend to the Zoning Board of Adjustment the granting of the revised Wetland Special Exception as part of the extension of Friars Drive, which includes the reconstruction plans to reflect the 32-foot curbed width for the proposed multi-family development at 161 Lowell Road, Map 209/Lot 001. The Conservation Commission recommends that the Wetland Special Exception be granted provided the applicant follows Best Management Practices. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dickinson and carried 5/0/0

#### **B. Boy Scout Bridge Project**

Boy Scout Benjamin Romanek and Scout Leader Joseph Undercoffler appeared before the commission seeking permission to construct two bridge crossings at the northern end of the Musquash property near Woodland Drive. The construction of these bridges are part of Mr. Romanek's effort to achieve Eagle Scout honors. Being familiar with similar projects completed by the Boy Scouts on this property commission members granted permission for Mr. Romanek and Mr. Undercoffler to proceed and wished them success.

### **VIII. Other Business**

#### **A. Musquash Conservation Land- Bridge Replacement/Repair**

Commission members present looked favorably on replacing a bridge near Second Swamp (Musquash Conservation Land). Replacing the bridge will join land owned by the Pelham Conservation District and the town of Hudson and will allow hikers expanded trail access. Mr. Collins move to spend an amount not to exceed \$1000.00 form account 06-4619-5586-252-000 for the purchase of materials to construct the bridge. Motion was seconded by Mr. Parkhurst. Motion carries 5/0/0

### **IX. Financial Status**

Mr. Dickinson asked Chairman Brownrigg to look into a discrepancy between the YTD Expensed amounts of \$391,029.05 (account# 06-0000-6500-000-000) on page 1 with the amount of \$440,817.48 expended on page two of the Financial Status Report.

### **X. Correspondence**

Notification from the NHACC announcing their annual meeting data of November 2, 2019 at the Pembroke Academy. HCC members are always encouraged to attend

## **XI. Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Dickinson moved to accept the HCC regular meeting minutes for September 9, 2019.  
Motion seconded by Mr. Brownrigg. Motion Carried 5/0/0

Mr. Dickinson moved to accept the HCC Non-public meeting minutes for September 9, 2019.  
Motion seconded by Mr. Brownrigg. Motion Carried 5/0/0

## **XII. Commissioner's Comments**

Mrs. Parkhurst suggested updating the town website with activities being conducted by the HCC to help bolster public awareness of its efforts. She added that more volunteers might come forward to assist commission members with projects on the conservation properties.

## **XIII. Non Public Session**

Mr. Gagnon moved to enter into Non-Public Session at 7:15 p.m. pursuant to NH RSA 91-A:3, II(d) which states "Consideration of the acquisition, sale or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are averse to those of the general community". Mr. Collins seconded the motion.

**Roll Call vote to enter Non-Public Session:** Randy Brownrigg – yes, Brett Gagnon -yes, Ken Dickinson- yes, William Collins- yes, Jennifer Parkhurst - yes.

**The HCC entered into Non-Public Session at 8:40 p.m.**

### **Motion to adjourn:**

Mr. Collins moved to adjourn tonight's meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Gagnon. Motion Carried 5/0/0

Meeting Adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

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William Collins, HCC Member

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