



TOWN OF HUDSON

Conservation Commission



Randy Brownrigg, Chairman

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DATE: November 9, 2020

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> E </u>	William Collins Vice-Chair <u> X </u>	Brett Gagnon Member <u> X </u>	Ken Dickinson Member <u> X </u>
Paula Hubert Alternate <u> E </u>	David Morin Select. Rep. <u> X </u>	Elvis Dhima Town Engineer <u> X </u>	



- I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON AT 07:00 P.M.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. ROLL CALL
- IV. SEATING OF ALTERNATES

Mrs. Hubert seated for Open Members seat

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

VI. Old Business

A. Update on Musquash Parking Area

Commission members discussed progress on the planning portion of an improved parking area at Musquash Pond. To date a tree Removal Company has been selected. The town's Highway Department head, Jess Forrence, has indicated that his group could handle site work in the spring and Town Engineer's Dhima and Kirkland have prepared drawings indicating parking area location along with other information relative to site work. Lastly, Permitting fees have been addressed and a presentation will be made to the BOS to get their input before further plans are made. Two Hudson residents, Mr. Fedra, 4 Glenview Drive and Mr. Poulin, 10 Somerset Drive attended the meeting and were also part of the discussion on this topic.

B. Trail work and Installation of trail signs

No actions taken

C. Merrill Park update

At the October meeting it was decided to look at repair and maintenance of the boat launch area of the park. With member agreement, Mr. Gagnon wrote up a synopsis of work that could be done and his report was forward to Town Engineer Dhima for review. Mr. Dhima was not present for this topic to provide input but he had sent an email which stated that only minimal work could be completed such as brush trimming and minor repair work could be completed without requiring a shore land permit from the state. Mr. Collins added that Town Planner Groth would also like to be kept in the loop in regards to Merrill Park discussions.

D. Fixing bridge at Musquash Pond

A hiker had reported that some of the vertical hand rail posts on the new Musquash Bridge had loosened. Mr. Collins said he had hiked out and found that the Timber Lock screws holding the vertical members to the bridge were insufficient to maintain a tight connection and that carriage bolts and nut combination would be a better fastener for the long hall. He said that after talking to Chairman Brownrigg it was decided to purchase the hardware for approximately \$76.00 and do the repair before somebody leaned against one of the post and fell into the stream.

VII. New Business

A. Town Email Account

Mr. Collins mentioned that the town was now offering to provide community volunteers the opportunity to obtain a town email account. He highly recommend that commission members consider the offer as this would help segregate member's personal email from town business.

B. Forestry Commission Warrant Article Discussion

Mr. Gagnon presented a sample warrant article along with supporting information that could be used by the commission or a forestry subcommittee to withdraw monies from the Forestry Fund to finance projects within the two town forests. Mr. Gagnon added that monies from the fund can only be withdrawn with the passage of such a warrant article by town vote and said it would be beneficial to have the language already in place. Mr. Collins agreed and said that this information should be place on file for future reference.

C. Member resignation acceptance

Mr. Collins stated that Mr. Veloso had recently resigned his position as a voting member of the conservation commission. He stated that typically volunteer appointments and resignations are handle by the Board of Selectmen but wished Mr. Veloso well and thanked him for participating as a volunteer in the community. Mr. Gagnon and Mr. Dickinson echoed the sentiment by also wishing Mr. Veloso well in his future endeavors.

D. By-Laws

Discussion on this topic is deferred until the first of the new year.

VIII. Other Business

A. None

IX. Financial Status

No outstanding issues. Current CC fund balance is \$1,265,039.40. Mr. Gagnon asked if there is another account that contains conservation funds and that if so could these funds be included within the monthly financial status report.

X. Correspondence

Letters from NHDES addressing a potential wetland violation and a forestry project in the community.

XI. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Gagnon moved to approve the October 19, 2020 HCC meeting minutes as amended. Mr. Dickinson seconded the motion. Motion carried 3/0/0

XII. Commissioner's Comments

Mr. Collins mentioned that Town Planner Groth was looking to get input on the current zoning ordinance governing Open Space Development in the community.

Motion to adjourn:

Mr. Gagnon moved to adjourn tonight's meeting at 8:37 p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Dickinson, Motion Carried 3/0/0

William Collins

William Collins, HCC Vice-Chairman