



TOWN OF HUDSON

Conservation Commission



Bill Collins, Chairman

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DATE: February 8, 2021

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

William Collins Chairman <u> X </u>	Ken Dickinson Vice-Chair <u> X </u>	Paula Hubert Member <u> X </u> (Remote)	Randy Brownrigg clerk <u> X </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

V. PUBLIC INPUT RELATED TO NON-AGENDA ITEMS

A. John Dubuc, 11 Eagle Drive, spoke on the Hudson Logistics Center project.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. The HCC received the Shoreland Protection Permit back from the State and can now move

forward with the Musquash Parking area. The tree service selected to clear the trees has put us on their schedule for February 22, 2021, weather permitting. The question was asked, would it be possible for the Conservation Commission to borrow a couple of construction sawhorses to limit automobile access to the site while he's in there clearing trees? Mr. Brownrigg said he would be happy to swing by the Highway Department to pick them up.

- B.** Conservation Property List: Mr. Brownrigg gave a presentation. There was discussion about a plan for the 2021 year, and how the HCC is going to keep up with the work that needs to be done on each property, what properties need work and when the board will hike the properties. This list will be kept up monthly, and will be available to anyone that wants to see it.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A.** Forestry Management Plan for Rangers Town Forest Update - Mr. Collins gave an update.
- B.** The committee will be receiving a \$12,000 Grant Award and \$18,000 local cost from the Department of Environments Services. This is the Aquatic Species 2021 Grant Award.
- C.** Bestway Wildlife control, deferred action until further study can be done
- D.** Naming of Trails at Musquash and Pelham Road - Mr. Dickinson and Mr. Hubert agreed together to come up with a new name for the properties at Musquash and Pelham.
- E.** Discussion was on Trails guides/maps. Mr. Dickinson is currently working on trails signs, markers and location with distances at each marker.
- F.** Discussion was on NH Grant Programs for Land and Water Protection - Mr. Collins will be bringing more information to the commission meeting in April.
- G.** Mr. Brownrigg gave a presentation on “Animal Crossing” signs. Signs are to be placed on the south side and the north side of Musquash Road. These are warning signs that turtle and beaver may be crossing. Over the years, these animals have been hit and died from cars. Mr. Brownrigg explained how these signs would help wild life and the environment.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

- A.** Lake Host Annual Contribution - Mr. Dickinson made a motion to contribute \$300.00 to the NH Lakes, 2021 Lake Host Program in support of lake host monitoring at Robinson and Ottarnic Pond. Monies to be paid from the Conservation Association Dues/Fees account, 4619-5586-217. Motion seconded by Mr. Brownrigg.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Brownrigg – yes; Mr. Dickinson – yes; Mrs. Hubert – yes; Mr. Collins – yes.

- B.** The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests Donation – After some

discussion, Mr. Brownrigg made a motion to contribute \$55.00 to the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests in support of the society's efforts to continue land preservation throughout the state. Monies to be paid from the Conservation Association Dues/Fees account, 4619-5586-217. Motion seconded by Mr. Dickinson.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Brownrigg – yes; Mr. Dickinson – yes; Mrs. Hubert – yes; Mr. Collins – yes.

C. Decision on Petition Warrant Article 21 regarding the proposed change of classification from conservation land to a Town Forest.

Mr. Brownrigg was not in support of Warrant Article 21, and stated that there is no real need for the change. A Town Forest does have an expense and will need a management plan and other costs to the article. Mrs. Hubert was in agreement with Mr. Brownrigg. Mr. Collins was indifferent on Warrant Article 21, but reiterated that there is a cost and extra work associated with a Town Forest, which is generally about \$3,000 for a plan of this size, and he mentioned that while there is a Forestry Account, that money can only be accessed through a town vote. Mr. Collins also stated that the land was previously given to the commission from the BOS as conservation land, and he saw no indication that there is a threat to the land and saw no urgency to change the classification. Mr. Dickinson was thinking it would require some thought and said that while it might be a good idea to forest the land eventually, it was not a candidate for forestry any time soon.

IX. FINANCIAL STATUS: None to be recorded

X. CORRESPONDENCE:

A Conditional Use Permit was received for an amendment to the previously approved application for the Friars Drive parcel, which will be heard at the March meeting. The members discussed scheduling a site walk for Friars Drive on Friday, February 19, 2021. Details to be determined later.

XI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. December 14, 2020 Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes made by Mr. Brownrigg, seconded by Mr. Dickinson.

Roll call vote: Mr. Collins – yes; Mr. Dickinson – yes; Mrs. Hubert – yes; Mr. Brownrigg – yes.

B. January 11, 2021 Meeting Minutes: One correction made on page three, and the minutes were approved with amendment. Motion to approve the minutes made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mrs. Hubert.

Roll call vote: Mr. Collins – yes; Mr. Dickinson – yes; Mrs. Hubert – yes; Mr. Brownrigg – yes.

XII. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Due to a conflict with the Election Day set up, the next meeting was changed from March 8,

2021, to March 4, 2021. Motion made by Mr. Brownrigg, seconded by Mr. Dickinson.
Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Hubert – yes; Mr. Dickinson – yes; Mr. Collins – yes; Mr. Brownrigg -
yes.

**NOTE: After the meeting, it was determined that there was a conflict with the
March 4th date as well, and the new date for next month will be March 16, 2021.**

Motion to adjourn:

Mr. Brownrigg made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Motion seconded by
Mr. Dickinson, Motion Carried: 4/0/0.

Randy Brownrigg

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Conservation Commission Clerk

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