



# TOWN OF HUDSON

  

## Conservation Commission



William Collins, Chairman

Dave Morin, Selectmen Liaison

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**DATE: December 13, 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   X  

Ken Dickinson  
Vice-Chair   E  

Bill Kallgren  
Member   X  

Randy Brownrigg  
Member   E  

Sandra Rumbaugh  
Member   X  

David Morin  
Select. Rep.   X  

Elvis Dhima  
Town Staff   X  



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

None

V. Public Input Related to Non-Agenda Items: Numerous residents living along Chiswick Road came forward and spoke about hunting at Musquash Pond. Their concerns centered on a recent incident in which a hunter fired across the pond and the resulting shot land near area residence. Selectmen Morin said that he would contact the Hudson Police Department for additional information and Chairman Collins added that he would contact the New Hampshire Fish and Game to see if there were other calls regarding hunting issues at the pond. This discussion will be placed as an agenda item for our January meeting.

## **VI. Old Business**

- A. NRPC Trail Mapping Update- Chairman Collins reported that the Planning Board has agreed to fund the entire trail mapping project. He added that before the process of mapping trails via GPS the commission should make sure that all trails are indeed on conservation property. As shown on the Colburn property a portion of the yellow trail and blue trail wander onto the abutting NH state right of way.

## **VII. New Business**

- A. Rangers Town Forest Management Plan – Author of the plan Eric Radlof, Full Circle Forestry was on hand to review the Forestry Plan and to answer question. Overall Mr. Radlof feels that the Rangers Town forest lack a harvestable growth of timber and encouraged the commission to take steps that would improve conditions. He emphasized that invasive species control and boundary marking the property would be good first steps. Mr. Radlof also mentioned that a field survey of the property would be highly advisable for the commission so that he could better show the areas of the property that are in need of attention.
- B. New Hampshire Fish and Game – Small Grants Program. A brief discussions took place about the small grants program. Mr. Kallgren stated that monies from this program could be used for potential projects at Rangers Town Forest and other properties managed by the HCC.

## **VIII. Other Business**

- A. Mr. Collins asked Mrs. Rumbaugh if she'd be interested in coordinating a contest style effort to have members of the public design a logo that would represent conservation in the town of Hudson. Mrs. Rumbaugh said she'd consider the idea and get back to the commission in January.
- B. Chairman Collins reviewed a letter written by Town Attorney LeFevre concerning Conflicts of Interest. Mr. Collins mentioned that the HCC acts in an advisory role to the Planning Board and Board of Selectmen and that commission members need to consider when it would be appropriate to step down on applications before them.

- C. Mr. Kallgren moved to allow Mr. Collins to spend up to \$450.00 from account number 06-4619-5586-202-000, Small Equipment Maintenance Fund for the purchase of one utility wagon and two draw knives that will be used to support trail maintenance at the various conservation properties
- D. Trail Work Day at Musquash Pond, Saturday January 15, 2022 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
Meet at new parking area

## **IX. Financial Status**

The Chairmen reviewed the current Financial Status, no outstanding issue noted.

## **X. Correspondence**

Periodical Magazines - NH Forestry Magazine

Engineering Administrative Assistant Doreen Stickney provided copies of the HCC meeting schedule for 2022

## **XI. Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Kallgren moved to accept the HCC regular meeting minutes for October 18, 2021.  
Motion seconded by Mrs. Rumbaugh, motion carried 3/0/0

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

Mrs. Rumbaugh stated that hunting season has begun in the state of New Hampshire and that people using the town conservation lands should wear some bright colored clothing when hiking the trails. She added that pets also be clad in something bright when out in the woods.

Mr. Kallgren moved to enter into Non-Public Session at 8:32 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". Motion seconded by Mrs. Rumbaugh

**Roll Call vote to enter Non-Public Session:** Bill Kallgren- yes, Sandra Rumbaugh- yes, William Collins- yes.

The regular public meeting continued after exiting from non-public at 8:57 p.m.

Mr. Kallgren moved to seal the minutes of the December 13, 2021 Non-Public Session.  
Mrs. Rumbaugh seconded the motion. Motion carries 3/0/0

**Motion to adjourn:**

Mr. Kallgren moved to adjourn tonight's meeting at 8:57 p.m. Motion seconded by Mrs. Rumbaugh. Motion Carried 3/0/0

*William Collins*

William Collins, HCC Chairman