



TOWN OF HUDSON

Conservation Commission



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DATE: March 14, 2022

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>	Bill Kallgren Member <u> X </u>	Brian Pinsonneault Member <u> X </u>
Sandra Rumbaugh Member <u> X </u>	Carl Murphy Alternate <u> X </u>	David Morin Selectman Rep <u> X </u>	Elvis Dhima Town Rep <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

Bill Collins moved Mr. Murphy as an alternate for Mr. Dickinson.

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

VI. Old Business –

A. Conditional Use Permit for 22 Friars Dive

Chairman Collins recognized James Petropulos, President and principle engineer at Hayner / Swanson Inc. and Mr. Matthew Ladd, construction manager at Sakonnet Associates to update the commission on the development project.

Mr. Petropulos provided review of the project proposal including explanation of building development, existing conditions in the wetland buffer impact area, and explanation of traffic flow through the property.

Mr. Ladd provided more clarification on the consolidation of several Integra Bioscience operations into a consolidated facility in Hudson allowing for improved overall operational efficiency to Integra Biosciences.

Mr. Petropulos reviewed topics of utilization of low retaining walls to further minimize impact in the wetland buffer, as well as review of the storm water management plan that leverages the existing sandy soil conditions. In advance of questions from the commission, Mr. Petropulos concluded that the project offered significant improvements site and due to nature of existing conditions would be consistent with conservation objectives.

Ms. Rumbaugh inquired regarding discussions from previous meeting regarding 50 year and 100 year flood. Mr. Dhima was able to clarify that only 25 year was necessary and pipe crossing is consistent with requirements.

Mr. Murphy inquired for further clarification on maintenance to the storm water catch basins which Mr. Petropulos clarified that the basis utilize fabric bags to capture larger particles, such as sand, gravel and other debris preventing them from flowing into the retention areas. Mr. Petropulos explained the basic inspection and replacement of the filter bags.

Mr. Pinsonneault commented that it appeared to be a good plan with notable improvements.

Mr. Collins also noted the improvements and additionally highlighted installation of the curbing and water treatments as benefits to the site.

Ms. Rumbaugh brought up a suggestion to the developer regarding additional replanting on slopes. Mr. Petropulos, Mr. Dickinson, Ms. Rumbaugh discussed different candidate species, Mr. Dhima noted that this condition could be brought up at the Planning Board.

Mr. Collins asked for any additional questions, being no more, Mr. Kallgren made a motion to recommend acceptance by the Hudson Planning Board of the Conditional Use Permit application. Motion seconded by Ms. Rumbaugh. Ms. Rumbaugh recommended an additional stipulation regarding additional plantings between stonewalls to appear on the final plans.

Motion carried: 5-0-0

At 7:20 PM, Mr. Collins seated Mr. Dickinson to replace alternate Mr. Murphy.

VII. New Business

A. Conditional Use Permit for 6 Executive Dr. Granite State Subaru; Map 210. Lot 001-000

Chairman Collins recognized Mr. James Angotti, Managing Director of Granite State Subaru.

Mr. Angotti provided an overview of plans to develop additional parking facility that would accommodate 168 additional parking spaces in the lot adjacent to the existing dealership. Mr. Angotti described the unique opportunity for the lot to be directly adjacent which allows access to the lot without requiring a curb cut while allowing improvements in the landscaping between the two properties. Mr. Angotti noted that by increasing parking spaces would allow inventory to be moved further from the showroom, increase parking capacity for customers and improving safety concern. Mr. Angotti noted that there would be no customer parking in the new areas.

Several questions were brought up regarding alternate configurations, Mr. Angotti noted that his engineers had looked at several alternate layouts and that he would be agreeable to a follow up meeting with this engineering team to discuss those questions.

Mr. Kallgren noted that the proposed permanent wetland impact was approximately 50% of the existing wetlands and made note that the permanent wetland buffer impact was approaching 27K sq.-ft. Mr. Kallgren noted that the plans call for snow storage in the wetland buffer and suggested that the developer consider reducing the number of display spaces to further minimize impacts.

Mr. Dickinson express some concerns on the surface water flow,, Mr. Dhima was able to provide some clarification on the use of curbing to help direct flow into retention basins and clarified the design of the retention system to which Mr. Dickinson noted that the catch basin seemed appropriate.

Mr. Pinsonneault questioned why the crossing was located along the road, to which the applicant indicated that they wanted to maintain visual continuity of the site.

Ms. Rumbaugh had no further comments at this time.

Mr. Collins commentated on number of parking spaces along 3A, along with requested clarification on how and where inventory would be off-loaded and if the parking spaces would be solely for inventory. Mr. Collins requested to schedule a site walk with the developers engineers for Thursday March 24ht at 6:00PM.

VIII. Other Business

A - Robinson Pond, Ottarnic Pong Long Term Management Plans

Mr. Collins welcomed Mr. Domenic Jude of Aqualogic who will be coordinating with

NHDES on weed control in Robinson Pond and Ottarnic Pond in 2022. Mr. Jude provided some background on the company being established in 2006 with experience working 22 lakes and ponds in NH with a similar quantity in NY. Mr. Jude provided some insight into his certifications as a Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI) with emphasis on PADI certification for control of invasive species. Aqualogic deploys three person dive teams who rotate on 2-hour shifts for a six-hour harvesting day, a process that he has found to increase operational efficiency compared to longer shifts where fatigue can reduce harvest efficiency.

Mr. Jude commented that this organization has moved from suction harvesting to primarily hand harvesting. The hand harvesting being more sensitive to extracting root systems and eliminates concerns of sucking up desirable organisms such as small turtles and hornpout.

Mr. Jude indicated that the work for Hudson is currently planned for late May, however, the schedule will be coordinated with NHDES and maybe subject to adjustment based on plant height.

Ms. Rumbaugh inquired regarding composting of harvest and concerns about composting if an herbicide is applied. Mr. Jude noted that composting is done at their Guilford NH facility and further clarified that the herbicide breaks down the organic plant as such pulling and composting is not need. Mr. Jude noted that his company does not perform herbicide treatments.

Mr. Dickinson inquired to the state of the company's watercraft and how Aqualogic maintains oversite when based out of NY. Mr. Jude noted that they have been able to simplify their equipment due to emphasis on hand harvesting, operate 12', 18' and 24' pontoon platforms and that Aqualogic has Mr. David Easton located in NH for direct supervision of dive sights.

The Commission thanked Mr. Jude for a thorough and very informative session.

B - NH Fish and Game – Land Share Program approved by BOS

Mr. Collins entertained suggestions for signs to be posted on town properties available under NH Fish and Game Land Share program. Under this program, there would be no cost for these signs.

Ms. Rumbaugh suggested signs 003, 004 and 013.

Selectman Morin noted that sign selection should bring visibility at Robinson pond to address resident's concerns regarding hunting at that property.

It was decided to order 10 each of the three identified signs.

C - Rangers Town Forest – Site Evaluation with Forest

Mr. Collins provided a refresh of the discussions from December 2021 and January 2022 meeting regarding contracting the services of Mr. Eric Radlof of Full Circle Forestry LLC to perform an "in field" review of the property and provide recommendations on ways to

improve this property. Goals of this project would be 1) Invasive Species Control, 2) Understory rejuvenation, 3) Wild life habit area, 4) Possible limited timber cut.

Full Circle Forestry would bill \$75/hr. to include travel to and from their facilities near Concord NH.

Mr. Collins noted that these activities may dovetail with additional grants from the state and that further review of these grants would be necessary.

Mr. Dickinson suggested several areas of focus including cul-de-sac and focus on invasive species.

Selectman Morin suggested that the commission set a limit on the spending.

It was proposed to schedule this work for Saturday April 9th to be confirmed with the availability of Full Circle Forestry.

Mr. Kallgren made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pinsonneault to employ Full Circle Forestry for this project not to exceed \$600 from the Conservation Commission Professional service fund. This amount allowing approximately two-hour travel time, four hours field time and two hours reporting.

Motion Passed: 5-0-0

D - Trail Work Day

Mr. Collins noted that in light of the planned work at Rangers Town Forest on April 9th, that the Trail Work Day planned for April 16th to be informal with commission members free to go out and pick-up limbs etc. Discussions of a formal cleanup day can be discussed at the conclusion of the Rangers Town Forest project the prior weekend.

IX. Financial Status

Mr. Collins reviewed the current Financial Status, noting monies for encumbered services to be performed in the future. Current balance is approximately \$748K USD.

X. Correspondence

Mr. Collins shared information for review regarding Lakeside Host program for discussion at a future meeting.

XI. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Dickinson made a motion, Seconded by Mr. Pinsonneault, to Approve meeting minutes for February 14, 2022 and February 26, 2022.

Motion carried: 4-0-0

XII. Commissioner's Comments

Mr. Collins welcomed Mr. Murphy to the commission, also indicated with the warm weather upon us, to be aware of ticks.

Mr. Dhima noted that \$50K grant for watershed planning and Mr. Kallgren noted his willingness to continue to provide input to this project.

Ms. Rumbaugh noted that the "Worm Moon" would be peaking on Friday March 18th and is the last full moon of winter. "Signs of spring = earthworms appear as soil worms which invite birds" Also, the Harris Center is hosting a Full Moon Owl Prowl in Keene – contact can be made at Harris Center. Maple season is in full swing and details of local maple sugar shacks can be found at NHMapleproducers.Com. Finally, thank you for voting yes on Warrant article in support of the conservation fund.

Motion to adjourn:

Mr. Pinsonneault moved to adjourn tonight's meeting at 9:01p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Dickinson. Motion Carried: 5/0/0

Bill Kallgren

William Kallgren, HCC Clerk