



# TOWN OF HUDSON

## Conservation Commission



William Collins, Chairman      Dave Morin, Selectmen Liaison

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**DATE: November 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>  E  </u>	Brian Pinsonneault Member <u>  X  </u>	
Sandra Rumbaugh Member <u>  X  </u>	Carl Murphy Alternate <u>  X  </u>	Linda Krisciunas Alternate <u>  E  X  </u>	David Morin Selectman Rep <u>  X  </u>	Elvis Dhima Town Rep <u>  X  </u>

CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON AT 07:01 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

SEATING OF ALTERNATES: Mrs. Krisciunas seated for Mr. Kallgren

Public Input Related to Non-Agenda Items: None

## **I. Old Business**

### **a. Hudson Logistics Center Amended Site Plan & Conditional Use Application, Lowell Road and Steele Road, Tax Map #234, Lots 5, 34 and 35; Map # 228, Lot4; Map# 239, Lot 1**

Continued from October 24, 2022

Mr. Justin Pasay, DTC, PLLC, Brendan Quigley, Gove Environmental Services and Frank Holmes all representing the applicant reviewed various aspects of the project and addressed outstanding concerns and question posed by commission members.

Five minute recess taken

Mr. Dickinson moved to recommend a favorable acceptance of the Conditional Use Permit application by the Hudson Planning Board for the application filed by representatives of Hillwood Logistic Center reference Tax Map 234, Lots 5, 34 & 35; Map 228, Lot 4 and Map 239, Lot 1 dated September 12, 2022, After application review the Hudson Conservation Commission finds that the uses presented by the applicant for access to the upland portion of the property and for storm water management comply with Town of Hudson Zoning Ordinance 334, Article IX- Wetland Conservation Overlay District, paragraphs 334-36(C) 2, through 4 and 334-37. This favorable acceptance is contingent upon Planning Board approval of the proposed plan and with the recommended actions listed below.

1. Construction and restoration shall comply with NHDES Best Management Practices set forth in New Hampshire Storm Water Manual Volume 3: Erosion and Sediment Control for construction and restoration, and erosion control measures that meet the Town Engineer's approval.
2. During construction and restoration, erosion control barriers shall be installed in accordance with the approved plans and maintained to the satisfaction of the Town Engineer and Conservation Commission.
3. The Town Engineer, or the Town's Civil Engineer, shall inspect the boundaries of the wetland and wetland buffer areas during construction and report any issues or violations to the applicant and the Conservation Commission for immediate remediation.
4. Installation Monitoring and Reporting: Installation of plantings within the 40.04-acre restoration area, as identified on the approved Amended Project Plans within the proposed conservation easement areas (the "Restoration Plantings" or "Restoration Area"), shall be inspected by an independent third-party monitor (i.e., Professional Landscape Architect and/or Professional Wetland Scientist), at the expense of the Applicant and in accordance with the construction and planting sequencing schedule, and the independent third-party monitor shall submit their findings to the Town Engineer and the

Conservation Commission. Post-installation monitoring of the Restoration Plantings shall take place in accordance with Stipulation #5.

5. Post-Installation Monitoring and Reporting: Under the supervision of an independent third party monitor (i.e., Professional Landscape Architect and/or Professional Wetland Scientist), at the expense of the Applicant, the Restoration Plantings shall be monitored for five (5) years post installation (during the height of the growing season) and reports shall be submitted to the Town Engineer no later than November 18<sup>th</sup> of each year. At minimum, the annual reports shall address the 75% cover success standard, the presence, species and relative cover of invasive species anywhere in the Restoration Area, and include photographs from predetermined photo stations. If necessary, the reports shall also detail any recommended remedial actions, such as replanting underperforming areas in order to meet success standards, invasive species control, and stabilization of soils. Any such remedial actions shall be performed by the Applicant, at their expense.
6. Any vegetation associated with post-construction BMP's shall be suitably established to withstand erosion.
7. Any proposed landscaping within jurisdictional resource areas shall consist of species native to northeastern USA region.
8. The final landscaping plan shall be adjusted as may be required by the NHDES under the Alteration of Terrain or Wetlands Permits for the project. Prior to implementation, a final landscaping plan with plant schedule shall be submitted to the Town Planner and the Town Engineer.
9. Invoices for the purchase of native New England seed mixes/plantings shall be provided to the Town Engineer upon availability and before installation.
10. Prior to final seeding, an invasive species inventory shall be performed by the Applicant, at their expense, and shall be delivered to the Town Engineer to provide baseline documentation of invasive species that are either within the Restoration Areas or adjacent thereto.
11. If necessary, during the monitoring timeline discussed in Stipulations 4, 5 and 10, methods for more involved management of invasive species within the Restoration Area (such as root barriers for Phragmites or herbicide application) shall be discussed with the Engineering Department. Implementation of any proposed non-manual methods shall be reviewed and approved by the Town Engineer and implemented, if at all, by the Town of Hudson.
12. Upon beginning work in resource areas, the applicant shall submit written progress reports to the Town Engineer every month detailing work performed in or near resource areas, and work

that is anticipated to be done over the next period. To the extent applicable, these reports shall update the construction sequence and be incorporated into the weekly erosion control reports.

13. Fertilizers utilized for landscaping and lawn care shall be slow release, low-nitrogen types (<5%), and shall not be used within 25 feet of a wetland resource area. Pesticides and herbicides shall not be used within 25 feet of a wetland resource area, and between 25 and 50 feet from a wetland resource area, a state-approved aquatic-friendly herbicide can be used to remove invasive species. A list of the products to be used shall be provided to the Town Engineer prior to application
14. In addition to the existing landscaping and restoration plans showing planting and restorations in the upland and easement areas additional shrub and tree varieties should be planted with the planned meadow mix grasses along the two proposed roadways to aide in slope stabilization along these roadways.

Motion second Mr. Pinsonneault

This motion is based on the plan(s) submitted by the applicant. It is recommended that if additional impacts are made the plan be returned to the Conservation Commission for further review.

Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Kriscuinas Yes, Mr. Dickinson Yes Mr. Pinsonneault Yes  
Mr. Collins Yes Mrs. Rumbaugh Yes

Motion carried 5/0/0

**b. Land Access Hudson Town Forest**

Town Engineer Dhima said he forwarded a copy of the “Access and Abutter Notifications for Hudson Town Forest Land” document to the towns legal department. He added that he would inquire as to the status and forward any response to the commission members when recieved.

**II. New Business –**

None

### **III. Other Business**

#### **a. Trail names for two trails located in the Hudson Town Forest**

Mr. Collins said he conducted a poll of town residents as directed by commission to get a consensus for two possible trail names at the Hudson Town Forest located on Kimball Hill Road. He stated that “White Tail Way” and “Squirrel Run” were chosen with approximately 360 votes cast.

#### **b. Rangers Town Forest Timber Harvest**

Mrs. Rumbaugh said she’d been in contact with Forester Eric Radlof about the possibility of a spring timber harvest at Rangers Town Forest. Mrs. Rumbaugh added that monies made from such a harvest could be used to address the invasive plant species plaguing certain parts of the property. She suggested that Mr. Radlof could be asked to participate in a discussion of the topic at a future meeting. Mr. Dickinson stated that there could be a cost associated for another presentation to the commission and said if the commission wanted to proceed with a harvest it would be better if Mr. Radlof generated a summary or estimate of cost then forward this document to the commission for consideration.

Mrs. Rumbaugh moved to seek a proposal of costs from Eric Radlof for a potential timber harvest at Rangers Town Forest in 2023. Motion seconded by Mr. Dickinson.

Mrs. Krisciunas asked for clarification on the motion and the process of the proposal. Mrs. Rumbaugh said that Mr. Radlof created the forestry plan for the parcel and would be responsible for collecting bids and other information regarding a harvest.

Mrs. Krisciunas asked if the commission would have any input on the bids proposed. Mr. Dhima said that the commission can reject any offers and added that roll of the forester is to provide oversight of the project. With no further discussion the chairman polled the commission on the motion.

Motion carried 5/0/0

Mr. Dhima asked that he and Doreena Stickney (engineering administrative assistant) be included in all correspondence on the matter.

#### **c. Renaming of the Pelham Road Conservation Area**

A short discussion was made on the possibility of renaming the conservation area located at 68 Pelham Road. Commission members were receptive to the idea and said Selectman Morin suggested that an inquiry be sent to the Historical Society as to whether or not there might be a name or two of persons living in the area that could be considered. Mr. Collins said he would take this suggestion and reach out to them. The matter will be discussed further at the December meeting.

**d. Annual Property Inspections of the Leslie Bockes Tri-Town Forest (Hudson Portion) and the Musquash Conservation Area**

Mr. Collins thanked the town’s engineering department for taking on the responsibility of doing the annual monitoring of the Tri Town Forest and the Musquash Conservation Area. He added that if any commission member would like to participate that they should contact the engineering department as to their schedule for the task.

**IV. Financial Status**

No Outstanding issues, conservation fund is currently \$751, 973.46

**V. Correspondence**

The Chairman reviewed the correspondence which includes the following.

A brochure from the “The New Hampshire Association of Natural Resource Scientists” seeking donations in support of its ongoing efforts in the state of New Hampshire.

A short notification from Solitude Lake Management notifying the town of Hudson and its conservation commission that their final report has been filed with the NHDES

A notification from the Lower Merrimack River Local Advisory Committee stating that their group is looking for representation from the Town of Hudson.

Email correspondence from Mrs. Nardoni, a local resident and abutter to Merrill Park which expressed concerns about the conservation commission’s efforts to rehabilitate the existing canoe/kayak launch within the park.

A correspondence from Andrew L. Morin, Executive Director, ReGenerative Roots Association. Mr. Morin is looking to meet with the conservation commission to discuss his organization and whether or not there would be any interest within the commission to partner on projects within the community.

**VI. Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Dickinson moved to approve the meeting minutes for October 17, 2022, October 22, 2022 and October 24, 2022 (amended). Mr. Pinsonneault seconded the motion. Motion Carried 5/0/0

## VII. Commissioner's Comments

Both Mr. Collins and Mr. Dickinson remarked that they enjoyed this year's NHACC

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Mr. Dhima mentioned that the NRPC study taking place around Robinson Pond and the committee's advisor VHB had presented some ideas as to treating water quality conditions at the pond. Mr. Dhima said he would provide a link to the meeting content and added that it might be time for the commission to make recommendations to the Planning Board for changes to Hudson Zoning Ordinance 334 as they pertain to wetlands and wetland buffer areas.

### **Motion to adjourn:**

Mr. Dickinson moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 PM; seconded by Mrs. Krisciunas.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

*William Collins*

William Collins, HCC Chairman