



# TOWN OF HUDSON

## Conservation Commission



William Collins, Chairman      Dave Morin, Selectmen Liaison

12 School Street • Hudson, New Hampshire 03051 • Tel: 603-886-6008 • Fax: 603-816-1291

### DATE: December 12, 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.).

Should you have any questions concerning these minutes or wish to see the original recording, please contact the Town Engineer's Office at 603-886-6008.

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>	Carl Murphy Member <u>  X  </u>	Brian Pinsonneault Member <u>  E  </u>
Sandra Rumbaugh Member <u>  X  </u>	Linda Krisciunas Alternate <u>  X  </u>	Open Seat Alternate <u>    </u>	David Morin Selectman Rep <u>  X  </u>
			Elvis Dhima Town Rep <u>  X  </u>

CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON AT 07:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

Public Input Related to Non-Agenda Items: None

## **I. New Business**

### **a. Conditional Use Permit 69 Burns Hill Road Map#217, Lot#36 Pool and Shed in Wetland Setback**

Applicant representative Certified Wetland Scientist Bruce Gilday gave a presentation to the commission for a proposed wetland buffer impact that is required for installation of an aboveground pool and new shed. Property owners for this project Tammy and John Eaton were also in attendance. The commission members did not express any concerns over the potential impact during the presentation but did arrange for a site visit this Saturday at 9:00am to view the areas of impact first hand.

This visit will be noticed per NH RSA 91-A and the public is welcome to attend.

### **b. Andrew L. Morin, Executive Director, ReGenerative Roots Association**

Mr. Morin was not able to attend the meeting and the subject matter was not discussed.

Note: Mrs. Krisciunas moved to bring old business item a. up in the agenda as the presenter for this subject was in attendance and ready to go. Mr. Murphy seconded the motion, motion carried 5/0/0

### **c. Proposed 2023 Warrant Articles**

The Chairman presented two draft Warrant Articles for discussion at tonight's meeting. Both address funding for the three Town Forest the commission is currently tasked with maintaining. He added that the forestry account has \$15,766.85 in it.

First Article to consideration – “Shall the Town vote to appoint the Conservation Commission as agents to expend, as authorized by RSA 31:19-a, 1, from the Forest Maintenance Fund, previously established in 2019 No money to be raised by taxation.

Second Article for consideration – “Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the purpose of forest management (signage, trail building, maps, parking, etc.) and other costs associated with the maintenance and care of Town Forest land? Said funds to come from the Forest Maintenance Fund, which is funded from revenues produced by timber harvesting in connection with forest management. No amount to be raised through taxation. This is a Special Warrant Article and is a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7 and shall not lapse until 12/31/2027 or until project is completed. No money to be raised by taxation.

After a lengthy discussion members felt that introducing two warrants may not be the best course of action and opted only to present the first article to the Board of Selectmen for endorsement. No motion was made to that decision but the chairman did poll the members for their preference which a majority of members agreed.

## **II. Old Business**

### **a. Map Products – NRPC Presentation**

NRPC Representative Ryan Friedman, presented draft map products to the commission for review and input. Members liked the initial draft and asked that some additional information be incorporated on the brochures and that if possible could some of color features be enhanced. Further iterations of the maps will be presented at future meetings and a final draft should be ready before the end of the first quarter in 2023.

Note: Mrs. Krisciunas moved to resume the order of the meeting flow at new business agenda item c. Mr. Dickinson seconded the motion, motion carried 5/0/0

## **III. Other Business**

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

Mrs. Rumbaugh said that a proposal for a timber harvest at Rangers Town Forest was being drafted and that it might be received sometime in January.

**b. Draft Robinson Pond BMP report** – Mr. Dhima provided a brief presentation about the draft Robinson Pond BMP report drafted by representatives of VHB. The report high lights some of the ways improvements can be made to the water quality in and around Robinson Pond and includes a breakdown of cost for different BMP's. The report also mentions ways that the Conservation Commission could actively participate by creating land owner informational pamphlets and preforming outreach to abutting land owners.

### **c. Schedule a Work Day**

Commission members agreed to meet for a work day on January 14, 2023 from 10 to 12:00pm Weather permitting. Details on a location for the work day will be forthcoming.

## **IV. Financial Status**

No Outstanding issues, conservation fund is currently \$753,126.14

## **V. Correspondence**

The Chairman reviewed the correspondence which included the following. A magazine from NH Forest

## **VI. Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Dickinson moved to approve the meeting minutes for November 12, 2022, and November

14, 2022 (amended). Mr. Murphy seconded the motion. Motion Carried 5/0/0

## VII. Commissioner's Comments

None

## VIII. Non Public Session

Mrs. Krisciunas moved to enter into nonpublic session at 8:58 per RSA 91-A:3 II (I) which states "Consideration of legal advice provided by legal counsel, either in writing or orally, to one or more members of the public body, even where legal counsel is not present." Motion was seconded by Mrs. Rumbaugh.

Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Krisciunas Yes, Mr. Dickinson Yes Mr. Murphy Yes  
Mr. Collins Yes Mrs. Rumbaugh Yes Motion carried 5/0/0

### Motion to adjourn:

Mrs. Rumbaugh moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 PM; seconded by Mrs. Krisciunas.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

*William Collins*

William Collins, HCC Chairman