



# TOWN OF HUDSON

## Conservation Commission



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**DATE: January 9, 2023**

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

Public Input Related to Non-Agenda Items: None

## **I. Old Business**

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

Mrs. Rumbough move to forward recommendations I through 5 below to the Planning Board for their consideration as Conditions of Approval for the Conditional Use Permit application submitted by Tammy and John Eaton, 69 Burns Hill Road, Hudson.

- 1) The applicant shall cease filling in the edge of the delineated wetland area and allow 2 feet of wetland buffer located along the delineated wetland area to re-naturalize.
- 2) Earthen materials excavated for the installation of the pool shall not be used as fill along the wetland boundary.
- 3) The conservation commission recommends that a shallow dry well or swale area be constructed near the pool so that the chemically treated pool water can be drained and allowed to percolate into the ground which will prevent direct run off into the wetlands.
- 4) This motion is based on the plan(s) submitted by the applicant. It is recommended that if additional impacts are required the plan be returned to the Conservation Commission for further review.
- 5) The new 8' x 20' shed shall be placed parallel to the delineated wetland at a distance of 12' from the same.

Motion Second Mr. Dickinson      Motion carried 5/0/0

### **b. HCC Logo Contest Winner**

Ms. Alexa Porembski, was chosen as the winner of the HCC Logo Contest held during the last quarter of 2022. As winner she will receive a \$25.00 Smith's Farm gift certificate and 4 passes to Lost River Gorge and Boulder Cave located in North Wood Stock New Hampshire.

### **c. Brox Industry Operation Expansion and Land Donation**

Bruce Gilday, CWS from BAG Environmental Consulting. Eric Stevenson Vice President of Real-estate, Brox Industries, Scott Riley, Plant Manager Brox Industries.

The purpose of tonight's presentation was to see if the commission member would find a land donation and monetary donation acceptable as a partial form of mitigation for a dredge and fill operation on their property. The state permit for this project is currently being filled out and will be presented for review in March.

Mr. Dickinson moved to recommend that the Board of Selectmen accept the 6 acres of combined wetland and upland property as proposed by representatives of Brox Industries as a as a form of mitigation for a wetland dredge and fill permit being proposed. Furthermore the HCC recommend that the Board of Selectmen accept a monetary donation proposed by Brox Industries to be used for improvements to the Merrill Park River Access. Motion seconded Mr. Pinsonneault. Motion carried 4/1/0. Mrs. Rumbaugh voted against the motion stating that the decision might be premature and that there was time to evaluate the project further.

## **II. New Business**

### **a. 2023 Tool Purchase**

Mr. Murphy provided details and pricing to commission members that he received for additional trail maintenance. After a short discussion members opted to purchase one back pack leaf blower and one string trimmer attachment to bolster their existing tools. Mrs. Rumbaugh moved to spend up to \$640.00 from the Small Equipment Maintenance fund for the purchase of one backpack leaf blower and one string trimmer attachment from Fisette Small Engine of Hudson. Motion seconded by Mr. Pinsonneault. Motion Carried 5/0/0

### **b. Rangers Town Forest- Tree Harvest Estimate**

Mrs. RumBaugh provide a contract from Full Forestry Forest LLC that would need to be agreed to if a timber harvest at Rangers Town Forest is to take place . The contract provides details on various aspects of the project such as fees, access and oversite. Prior to any agreement with Full Circle Forestry Mrs. Rumbaugh will reach out to get an estimate for construction of the landing area and Mr. Dhima said he would have the town's legal representative review the contract.

## **III. Other Business**

### **a. Trail work day**

The conservation commission will hold a trail work day at Rangers Town Forest this Saturday January 14, 2023 from 10:00p.m. Until 12:00p.m. Meeting at Rangers Drive. The public is welcome to attend.

### **b. Election of Officers– 2023**

Mrs. Rumbaugh nominated William Collins for the position of Chairman. No other nominations were put forth. Mrs. Rumbaugh moved to close the nomination process and elect William Collins to the Chairman position, motion second Mr. Pinsonneault. Motion carried 5/0/0

Mr. Collins nominated Carl Murphy for the position of Vice-Chairman. No other nominations were put forth. Mr. Collins moved to close the nomination process and elect Carl Murphy to the Vice-Chairman position, motion second Mr. Pinsonneault. Motion carried 5/0/0

Mr. Collins nominated Ken Dickinson for the position of Secretary/Clerk. No other nominations were put forth. Mr. Collins moved to close the nomination process and elect Ken Dickinson to the Secretary/Clerk position, motion second Mr. Rumbaugh. Motion carried 5/0/0

#### **IV. Financial Status**

No Outstanding issues, conservation fund is currently \$753,126.14 (November 2022 Balance.)

#### **V. Correspondence**

The Chairman reviewed the correspondence which included the following.

An email from Liz McKinly Community Forester, NH Division of Forests and Lands which stated that the group is looking for one community volunteer to take an Urban Tree Survey. The survey data will be used to help cities and towns with urban tree management. Mr. Dickinson volunteered to take the survey on behalf of the town.

An email from Captain Cayot of the Hudson Police Department inquiring about restitution for some vandalism that took place at the Hudson Town Forest.

Information pertaining to the Municipal Boat Launch Investment Program. This program offers cities and towns and opportunity to apply for grant funding that is available for existing boat launch repairs

An email from NHDES stating the Grant Award for this year's Exotic Species Control program. The town of Hudson will receive a match of 50% for 2023.

#### **VI. Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Pinsonneault moved to approve the meeting minutes for December 12, 2022, and December 17, 2022 (amended). Mr. Murphy seconded the motion. Motion Carried 5/0/0

#### **VII. Commissioner's Comments**

Mrs. Krisciunas asked if the culvert project under Lowell Road would qualify for the ARM funding discussed earlier in the evening. Town Engineer Dhima replied that it would not but

that an alternate source of federal funding would be used for repairs to existing structures.

Mrs. Rumbaugh presented three potential projects for future consideration. They included weed control at Musquash, weed control in the western portion of Robinson Pond and Phragmites control along Rte111 near Benson Park

Mr. Dickinson mentioned that there was trail clearing work to complete at the various managed properties due to recent storms. Mr. Dickinson also mentioned that there was significant beaver activity along the northern end of Musquash Road. Mr. Collins asked Mr. Dickinson to generate a list of items that need to be addressed on the Hudson trail systems and present it for consideration at the February meeting.

Mr. Collins urged commission members to visit the NHDES website and read bit about mitigation and to visit the NHACC website and listen to the pod cast about the RSA91 the “Right to Know Laws”

**Motion to adjourn:**

Mr. Murphy moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:33 PM; seconded by Mr. Pinsonneault

Motion Carried 5-0-0

*William Collins*

William Collins, HCC Chairman