



TOWN OF HUDSON

Conservation Commission



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DATE: March 13, 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>	Carl Murphy Vice-Chair <u> X </u>	Ken Dickinson Clerk <u> X </u>	Brian Pinsonneault Member <u> X </u>
Sandra Rumbaugh Member <u> X </u>	Linda Krisciunas Alternate <u> E </u>	Open Seat Alternate <u> </u>	David Morin Selectman Rep <u> X </u>
			Elvis Dhima Town Rep <u> E </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. HCC Logo Contest – Art Work Evaluation

Chairman Collins presented two versions of the revised logo image for final selection. The top graphic was unanimously selected. Mrs. Rumbaugh thanked Chairman Collins and Brenda Collins for their time and effort.

b. Rangers Town Forest Tree Harvest

Chairman Collins provided a brief update and noted that Mr. Dhima, Town Engineer, prepared a signed work order in amount of \$1000.00 for Full Circle Forestry. Mr. Murphy Chairman Collins asked Mr. Murphy about notification signage. Mr. Murphy will provide an email in 1-2 weeks for regarding draft notification signage language that is similar to SPNHF. Chairman Collins prefers to have signage posted this spring prior to the timber harvest.

c. Abutting Land Owner Access Form

Mrs. Rumbaugh asked for feedback on her draft. Mr. Collins provided edits for Mrs. Rumbaugh to revise for final review at our April regular meeting, i.e. temporary access only. No filing fee. ID by Map/Lot. Chairman Collins asked for the commissioners opinions on appeals. Mr. Dickinson noted that no formal appeal process is necessary; however appeals could be considered if new information is presented, etc. Mrs. Rumbaugh will email out a new form upon revision.

d. Maintenance Signs

Mr. Murphy presented a draft sign for trash/illegal dumping removal and trail work days. Corrugated plastic signs will have a wire frame similar to election signs. Cost is approximately \$20. each. Mr. Murphy will add our new logo to it and obtain pricing for further discussion at our April regular meeting. Mr. Dickinson suggested that a simple graphic be added that indicates caution for heavy work ahead, i.e. chainsaw

II. New Business

a. Additional Duck Box Purchase Order

Mr. Pinsonneault presented a request to purchase 10 additional duck boxes for \$780.00. from Gregg's Wood Duck Boxes. A brief discussion continued regarding duck box installation at other conservation properties; i.e. Kimball Hill Town Forest wildlife blind, near Robinson Pond outlet dam, along Glover Brook near Brox and at Watts Circle lowest point. Chairman Collins requested a location map from Mr. Pinsonneault. Duck box installations are in effort to encourage bird watching, tracking and inventory hatching. Motion by Mr. Rumbaugh to approve, seconded by Mr. Murphy. Motion passed 5-0.

b. Musquash ATV Access Point

Chairman Collins presented the issue with illegal trespass of ATV usage at Musquash Conservation Area. ATVs are apparently entering from the Deer Run Road easement which is also necessary for emergency access. A few No ATV signs were installed by Mr. Collins and Mr. Murphy since our February meeting. Chairman Collins requested input, i.e. potential gate and/or boulder installation. After a brief discussion, Chairman Collins will hang No ATV signs at the beginning of the easement and install a monitoring camera for temporary usage.

III. Other Business

a. Trail Work Day

The conservation commission will hold a trail work day at Sunday, April 16, 2023 from 8:30 AM to 12 PM meeting point at Copper Hill Rd / Musquash Rd. intersection. Work emphasis on removing trees at Colburn, Musquash and Robinson Pond Conservation Areas and installing trail signs as weather permits. The public is welcome to attend. Chairman Collins thanked all attendees of our previous work day at Kimball Hill Town Forest for their effort in removing a large amount of illegally dumped items from the property.

b. Trail Work Log

Mr. Dickinson reviewed the trail work log and noted that several items had been addressed within the last month. Mr. Pinsonneault noted that trees should be cleared on trail located on the recently acquired Berrigan property leading to the Robinson Pond outlet. Mr. Dickinson noted that there is another tree to clear at the Robinson Pond Recreation Area loop trail as well.

IV. Financial Status

There was \$661.94 expended since February 13 for small equipment. Chairman Collins anticipated more incidental expenses for chainsaw maintenance, gas and oil prior to our next meeting. Conservation Fund = \$757,615.

V. Correspondence

The Chairman reviewed the correspondence which included the following:

Request for annual donation to NH Lakes Association was reviewed. Mrs. Rumbaugh made a motion to expend \$300.00 for this annual donation. Mr. Pinsonneault seconded the motion. Motion Carried 5/0/0

Chairman Collins reviewed Lake Host Program Award Letter. Mr. Collins encouraged others to apply for the vacant seasonal Lake Host positions at Robinson Pond and Ottarnic Pond Boat Launches.

Request for annual donation to Society for Protection of NH Forests was reviewed. Mrs. Rumbaugh made a motion to expend \$55.00 for this annual donation. Mr. Pinsonneault seconded the motion. Mr. Murphy abstained. Motion Carried 4/0/1

NHACC Action Alert to support NH certification for Wetland Scientists in response to House Bill 655 which would eliminate 34 professional licenses including Forester, Wetland Scientist, Soil Scientist and Landscape Architects. After a brief discussion, Mr. Collins and Mr. Dickinson stated that they would submit a letter to the House Committee members (State Legislators) regarding this concern for protecting professional licensure. Mrs. Rumbaugh stated that she would be submitting her own personal letter as well.

Update and brief discussion regarding a request for community gardens on conservation land, i.e. Mr. Dickinson mentioned that there were formerly community gardens off of Marshmallow Path behind the cemetery. Mrs. Rumbaugh concurred that it would be a good area for reuse as there probably is access to an irrigation well in that location. Chairman Collins suggested that we perform site inspections at various conservation areas that are less frequently accessed.

VI. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Pinsonneault moved to approve the regular meeting minutes for February 13, 2023. Mr. Murphy seconded the motion. Motion Carried 5/0/0

Mrs. Rumbaugh moved to approve the Non-Public meeting minutes for February 13, 2023. Mr. Pinsonneault seconded the motion. Motion Carried 5/0/0

VII. Commissioner's Comments

Mr. Dickinson has observed a dump truck and other equipment parked for months potentially in the wetland buffer area found adjacent to the Kimball Hill Town Forest entrance and Perimeter Trail. Mr. Dickinson requested Chairman Collins to submit a letter to Mr. Buttrick, Code Enforcement Officer, to review this potential violation and request to have the dump truck sufficiently parked away from the wetland buffer area.

VIII. Motion to adjourn:

Mr. Pinsonneault moved to adjourn our regular meeting at 8:22 PM; seconded by Mrs. Rumbaugh. Motion Carried 5-0-0

Ken Dickinson

Ken Dickinson, Clerk