



# TOWN OF HUDSON

## Conservation Commission



William Collins, Chairman      Dave Morin, Selectmen Liaison

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**DATE: June 12, 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   X  

Carl Murphy  
Vice-Chair   X  

Ken Dickinson  
Clerk   X  

Brian Pinsonneault  
Member   X  

Sandra Rumbaugh  
Member   E  

Linda Krisciunas  
Alternate   E  

Open Seat  
Alternate       

David Morin  
Selectman Rep   X  

Elvis Dhima  
Town Rep   E  

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

SEATING OF ALTERNATES:

Public Input Related to Non-Agenda Items: None

### I. New Business

- a. none

## II. Old Business

### a. Trail Map Review:

Chairman Collins presented various trail maps that NRPC prepared for comment. Maps were submitted today by Ryan Friedman and included three revised maps and several new maps. In general, the maps remained a work-in-progress as there were some graphically readability issues and corrections that were noted. After discussing each map, Mr. Collins asked all members to provide comments via email by June 22. Mr. Collins will forward all corrections and comments to Mr. Friedman as one document.

### b. Merrill Park:

Chairman Collins noted that trees were recently cut in preparation for earthwork and other construction activities. He will plan for a ribbon cutting ceremony as the work should be completed soon.

### c. Rangers Town Forest:

Chairman Collins noted that Eric Radlof recently emailed Sandra Rumbaugh a few questions. Mr. Collins provided Mr. Radlof with property boundary information. Mr. Radlof is actively conducting his timber cruise and marking trees with blue paint. Forestry signs have been posted. Mr. Radlof is being paid for his forester services in June. A timber harvest is anticipated this summer possibly in July. Carl Murphy asked about the landing size. Mr. Collins will discuss landing area details with Mr. Radlof remotely to avoid an additional meeting invoice.

### d. ATV usage:

Chairman Collins asked for our input on the next step to deal with continuous ATV usage on Musquash Conservation Area. An issue persists with a large ATV accessing from the Deer Run/Dumont Rd. entrance that is creating both trail damage and a public safety hazard. This trail may or may not have a formal access easement. Mr. Collins reviewed the Assessors Dept. folder and was unable to find any easement language associated with this ancient road. Mr. Dickinson mentioned that the original subdivision plans for either road may indicate an easement. Mr. Collins will double check with Mr. Michaud to see if there is another document that identifies an easement. After a short conversation between members, Mr. Morin suggested that we ask for the direct abutter's permission at 10 Dumont Rd. in effort to set boulders near the trailhead on Town property. Mr. Collins will submit a letter to the owner of 10 Dumont in effort to obtain access.

**e. Brush Fires at Musquash Conservation Area and Merrill Park:**

Mr. Morin explained that there were recent brush fires at both Musquash along the Kingfisher Trail and at Merrill Park due to unattended campfires. Mr. Dickinson also noted that an issue persists with vehicles parking for an extended period at the Musquash Pond boat launch area.

Chairman Collins explained the history of the boulder placement limiting access to the launch/former parking area. After a short conversation regarding accessibility and usage, no further action was proposed.

### **III. Other Business**

**a. Trail Work Day:**

The HCC rescheduled our July trail work day to Sunday, July 9, 2023, 9 AM – 12 PM with meeting point at Kimball Hill Town Forest. Our work may also include installing a sign post on Colburn and the southern end of the Nacook Loop at Musquash Conservation Area (MCA). Mr. Collins asked if we had completed the work on the new trail segment at Pelham Rd. Mr. Murphy and Mr. Dickinson explained that it was completed. Mr. Murphy also noted that the brush trimmer blades require replacement.

**b. Trail Work Log:**

Mr. Dickinson reviewed the trail work log. The majority of items has been completed, or is in the process of being addressed; however emergent growth of shrubs within the powerline corridor remains an issue. Mr. Dickinson asked Chairman Collins if he had any updates regarding Eversource's maintenance schedule. Mr. Collins responded that he was unable to get a reply from Eversource. He spoke with Roger Lawrence of Liberty Utilities; however Mr. Lawrence did not have any answers. A short conversation continued regarding additional trail work at Musquash, i.e. add trail signs on east side (beyond Musquash Brook bridge) for Autumn 2023.

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

No new expenses during May. Chairman Collins has not received any updates from NHDES on DASH operation schedule. Mr. Pinsonneault informed Mr. Collins that new poles will most likely be necessary to complete the Duck Box Project. Mr. Pinsonneault will pursue obtaining material quotes for approval at our next regular meeting.

Conservation Fund Balance = \$762,748.

### **V. Correspondence:**

Chairman Collins reviewed our monthly correspondence which included the following:

- a) Abutter notification for 255 Derry Rd.
- b) Green Meadow update

- c) NHDES review letter to Brox requesting additional information for their Dredge & Fill Permit.
- d) Lakeside Quarterly Magazine
- e) Vernal Pool info link as submitted by Sandra Rumbaugh (Mr. Collins mentioned that a vernal pool field day would be a good activity to schedule in the future).

**VI. Approval of Minutes:**

Mr. Pinsonneault moved to approve the regular meeting minutes for May 8, 2023. Mr. Murphy seconded the motion.

Motion Carried 4/0/0

**VII. Commissioner's Comments:**

Mr. Dickinson reminded everyone that we need to discuss potential wetland regulation changes this summer in effort for a Joint Board Meeting in September.

**VIII. Motion to adjourn:**

Mr. Pinsonneault moved to adjourn our regular meeting at 9:01 PM; seconded by Mr. Murphy.

Motion Carried 4/0/0

*Ken Dickinson*

Ken Dickinson, Clerk