



TOWN OF HUDSON

Conservation Commission



William Collins, Chairman Dave Morin, Selectmen Liaison

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DATE: September 11, 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> E </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> X </u>
			Elvis Dhima Town Rep <u> E </u>

CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON AT 06:59 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

SEATING OF ALTERNATES: L. Krisciunas seated for K. Dickinson

Public Input Related to Non-Agenda Items: None

I. New Business

a. none

II. Old Business

a. **Tiger Road Acquisition Completed:**

Chairman Collins shared some exciting news: Through the efforts of the HCC and Town Hall Staff, the Town has acquired 43 acres of conservation woodland on Tiger Road, which is located at the southwestern side of Robinson Pond. Weather permitting, a group picture will be taken on 9/14/2023 at 6:30 P.M. to celebrate the acquisition. Meet at the Tiger Road (from Hazelwood Road).

b. **Trail Maps – 4 to accept:**

Moved by Ms. Krisciunas to accept the following conservation trail maps: Coburn Town Forest, Pelham Road Conservation Area, Benson Park, and Rangers Town Forest. Mr. Pinsonneault seconded the motion. Motion carried. 5/0/0

c. **Draft Warrant Discussion:**

Chairman Collins asked members to review the town's wetlands ordinance to update and match what the practices other towns in the area have done. Specifically, the definitions of terms such as undisturbed and categories of wetlands. Also, compare the building set-back buffers and snow dumping other commissions have incorporated into their ordinances to protect wetlands and other water sources.

d. **Weed Control and Trail Improvements:**

Deferred until further notice.

III. Other Business

a. **Trail Work Day:**

The HCC rescheduled the October trail workday to Saturday, October 21, 2023, 8:30 A.M. – 12 P.M. Area to be determined.

IV. Financial Status:

As of August 2023, YTD expenses are \$400 for professional services. Chairman Collins informed members that pond clean-ups were not completed in July and August at Robinson Pond and Ottarnic Pond, therefore, there will be a larger than normal balance available in the Professional Services category. The Conservation Fund Balance is \$768,589.

V. Correspondence:

Chairman Collins reviewed our monthly correspondence which included the following:

a) **Full Circle Forestry**

Mr. Radlof received 4 bids for timber harvesting at the Rangers Town Forest. Townes/T&G Pelletier had the highest bid. Moved by Mr. Pinsonneault to direct Mr. Radlof to contact

Townes/T&G Pelletier and initiate the timber harvest contract at Rangers Town Forest. Seconded by Ms. Krisciunas. Motion carried. 5/0/0

b) 3 Rangers Road

New owner is willing to sell the back portion of the property to Hudson, which is adjacent to the Rangers Town Forest. Discussion: Asbestos is on the property. Chairman Collins will contact the Town Attorney regarding the Town's liability associated with asbestos on town conservation property.

VI. Approval of Minutes:

- a. Meeting Minutes August 14, 2023 – deferred until October 2023.

VII. Commissioner's Comments:

Selectman Morin mentioned the HFD deployed a boat for a water rescue on the new ramp at Merrifield Park. The recent improvements to the landing were appreciated. Chairman Collins will contact the Town Engineer's office to look at a few sections of the steps for additional upgrades to the area.

VIII. Motion to adjourn:

Ms. Krisciunas moved to adjourn our regular meeting at 7:55 P.M. Seconded by Mr. Pinsonneault. Motion Carried. 5/0/0

Sandra Rumbaugh
Member, Hudson Conservation Committee