



# TOWN OF HUDSON

## Conservation Commission



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**DATE: January 8, 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>
Linda Krisciunas Alternate <u> X </u>	David Morin Selectman Rep <u> X </u>	Elvis Dhima Town Engineer <u> X </u>	

CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON AT 07:01 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

SEATING OF ALTERNATES: Linda Krisciunas was seated as a regular member.

Public Input Related to Non-Agenda Items: none

**I. New Business:** none

**II. Old Business:**

**a. Conditional Use Permit – 36 Campbello St.**

Manny Sousa, Jr. of 50 Moose Hill Rd. Hudson, NH, representing Sousa Realty and Development Corp. was present for a follow-up public hearing from our site walk performed on December 16, 2023. David Jordan, PE of Greeman Pederson, Inc. was not present for this hearing due to COVID. Gove Environmental is continuing to develop an appropriate restoration planting plan.

**Commission member, Ken Dickinson, moved to recommend approval of the Conditional Use Application filed on behalf of A. Jack Atkinson, Trustee by representatives of Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. and Sousa Realty & Development Corp. for the purpose of constructing Stormwater Infiltration Basins to meet stormwater treatment requirements permanently impacting 4,500 square feet of wetland buffer along the back of proposed Lot 6 at the property located at 36 Campbello Street Map 165/Lot 049 with following stipulations as noted below:**

1. During construction erosion control devices shall be installed and maintained to the satisfaction of the Town Engineer.
2. It is recommended that the outflow from Outlet Apron noted as FES-1 shown on sheet 7 of 16 of the plan set be redirected into Infiltration Basin-3.
3. It is recommended that the applicant create and implement a wetland buffer restoration plan for the disturbed buffer areas existing on the easterly side of proposed Lots 5 and 6 as part of site plan approval. The details and implementation of said Restoration Plan to be added to “General Notes and Legend” on Sheet 2 of 16.
4. It is recommended to have the applicant install approved “Do Not Cut/ Do Not Disturb” conservation markers along the conservation districts boundaries. Furthermore, “Post and Rail” style fencing is recommended to be erected and maintained to aid in delineating the wetland buffer boundary as is typical on other excepted residential developments. If this recommendation is accepted by the Planning Board, details of the “Do Not Cut/ Do Not Disturb” conservation markers and “Post and Rail” style fencing shall be added to the “General Notes and Legend” on Sheet 2 of 16.
5. It is recommended that efforts be made to save three trees on the project site. One Japanese Red Maple tree lies in the middle of the proposed roadway but could be relocated and incorporated into the landscaping of the Cul-de-Sac Island. The other two trees to be saved are located near Infiltration Basin-1 and Infiltration Basin-2. Careful excavation to minimize tree root damage could be implemented during their construction.

Motion Seconded by: Mr. Murphy

Motion Carried: 5/0/0

**III. Other Business**

**a. Election of Officers:** deferred to February regular meeting

**b. Trail Work Day:** February 11<sup>th</sup>, 9 AM-12 PM. Meet at Woodland Dr. cul-de-sac.

Mr. Dickinson also noted the following trail maintenance and signage items:

- 1) Kimball Hill Town Forest: sawcut & clear fallen trees
- 2) Tiger Rd. Conservation Area: invasive shrub pruning / sign removal (optional).
- 3) Larger debris, tent, etc. could be removed on another scheduled day.
- 4) Mr. Dickinson and Chairman Collins will coordinate in effort to define the quantity, sizes and scope of work for 2024 trail signs.

**c. 2024 Projects:**

Chairman Collins noted that he aims to finish the mapping project and installing signage at Musquash. He asked for a member of the Commission to assist NRPC with completing the mapping project by providing a narrative for each property. Mr. Dickinson agreed to complete this task.

Mr. Dickinson reminded everyone that it would be a good year to provide a partial update to the 2012 Hudson Open Space Master Plan. Ms. Krisciunas asked questions regarding the purpose of the update. Mr. Dickinson responded that the plan contained information that is over ten years old. A table on pg. 17 that ranked the larger available parcels in Hudson should be reevaluated and updated as the primary task. A secondary larger task is recalculating the percentage of conserved open space. This document also serves as a guide for the future purchase of conservation land within Hudson. Chairman Collins will distribute the Open Space Master Plan for review at our next regular meeting. Mr. Collins looks forward to merging his data into this document, working to correct abnormalities between GRANIT and other GIS data, and holding workshops later this year to address an update.

**IV. Financial Status:**

Conservation Fund Balance = \$776,815. (requires reconciliation as noted by Ms. Krisciunas)  
Chairman Collins noted that NHDES is currently working on invasive species treatment plans for both Robinson and Ottarnic Ponds. A grant award for this work will be forthcoming for review in February.

**V. Correspondence:**

Chairman Collins reviewed our monthly correspondence which included the following:

- a) Rangers Town Forest - Tree Harvest Financial Report / Stumpage Summary = \$28,185.45 (incomplete)  
Chairman Collins reminded everyone that the Conservation Commission can expend Forestry Account funds for associated Town Forest projects as per the recently approved warrant article.
- b) Robinson/Ottarnic Ponds Donation Report from Lisa LaBrie, Finance Director = \$7,152. (total value)
- c) NHACC Membership Letter from Barbara Richter, Executive Director  
Mr. Pinsonneault mentioned that he has signed up for 3 afternoon webinars hosted by NHACC, and encourages other members to consider attending as well. See NHACC website and check mailing list.

**VI. Approval of Minutes:**

Mr. Pinsonneault moved to accept the December 11, 2023 regular meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Krisciunas.

Motion Carried 5/0/0

December 16<sup>th</sup> site visit meeting minutes approval was deferred as corrections remain in-progress.

**VII. Commissioner's Comments:**

Mr. Pinsonneault thanked Mrs. Rumbaugh for her years of active service on the Commission.

Mr. Dickinson looks forward to working with Pelham Conservation Commission in effort to link the Gumpas Conservation Area with the Musquash Conservation Area trail network. He also mentioned that the Colburn Trail improvements are great and important as the Nash-Hamblett Trail has been recently washed out by a new stream which flows from the adjacent property.

Chairman Collins concurred that it would be good to work with Pelham in effort to construct a bridge where necessary to access the Gumpas Conservation Area.

Mr. Dickinson stated that the Commission should perform grant research in effort to construct a bridge across the Robinson Pond Dam in effort to link our conservation properties on the east side of the pond with our new conservation property on the west side of the pond. A long term goal is to establish a trail route via a combination of foot paths and roadways to provide access entirely around Robinson Pond. Chairman Collins concurred that it would be good idea to pursue. A short discussion followed regarding the proposed trail bridge.

**VIII. Motion to adjourn:**

Ms. Krisciunas moved to adjourn our regular meeting at 7:45 PM; seconded by Mr. Pinsonneault.

Motion Carried 5/0/0

Ken Dickinson

Ken Dickinson, Clerk