



TOWN OF HUDSON

Conservation Commission



William Collins, Chairman

Dave Morin, Selectmen Liaison

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DATE: February 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

Linda Krisciunas
Alternate E

David Morin
Selectman Rep X

Elvis Dhima
Town Engineer 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: none

II. Old Business: none

III. Other Business

a. Election of Officers:

Motion by Brian Pinsonneault to nominate Bill Collins as Chairman, seconded by Carl Murphy.

Motion by Bill Collins to nominate Carl Murphy as Vice Chairman, seconded by Brian Pinsonneault.

Motion by Carl Murphy to nominate Ken Dickinson as Recorder, seconded by Bill Collins.

b. Trail Work Day: March 24th, 9 AM-12 PM. Meet at location (TBD).

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.

Open Space Master Plan:

Chairman Collins presented the Town's GIS Map that could be revised to accurately indicate the Town's current open space parcels. Mr. Collins also created inventory of conservation easements that should be integrated into the 2012 Hudson Open Space Master Plan. Mr. Dickinson presented an update to Table 2 of the same documents. He noted that several parcels were recently sold and that all landowners were local to the Hudson area. The owners should be contacted in effort to understand their long term plans for each parcel if possible. Mr. Dickinson suggested that we hold a few workshops in effort to revise this document. Mr. Collins agreed and added that he was in favor of foregoing the formation of a subcommittee.

IV. Financial Status:

Conservation Fund Balance = \$778,915.

Rangers Town Forest Stumpage Summary = \$28,185.45 total harvest value will be added into the Forestry Account. Approximately half of the harvest income was from White Pine. The highest value/MBF was from Red Oak (12 MBF) and Black Oak (14 MBF); however their volume was of lesser quantity than White Pine (74 MBF).

V. Correspondence:

Chairman Collins reviewed our monthly correspondence which included the following:

a) SPNHF annual contribution request:

Motion by Mr. Dickinson to contribute \$75.00, seconded by Mr. Pinsonneault.

Motion passed 3/0/1 (abstention by Carl Murphy as he is employed by SPNHF).

b) HB1302 opposition by NHACC

Mr. Collins mentioned this bill might be prohibitive to volunteerism.

c) NH Lakes annual contribution request = deferred (requires study)

Mr. Collins stated that the suggested contribution is \$500. Mr. Dickinson mentioned that the Commission had not contributed more than \$300 on any given year and questioned what was driving the request for \$500. Mr. Dickinson asked who the Lake Host Program Manager currently is? Mr. Collins stated that he would inquire with the Town to determine who is currently managing it and further explore the process. Selectman Morin mentioned that there were two people who applied last year for the lake host positions; however the State did not formally hire them in time to be effective. At least one of these individuals is interested in applying again this year.

VI. Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Pinsonneault moved to accept the January 18, 2024 regular meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Murphy.

Motion Carried 4/0/0

VII. Commissioner's Comments:

Mr. Dickinson asked if Ms. Smagula had provided any grant updates for the NHDES Aquatics Invasive Species program. Chairman Collins noted that NHDES is currently working on invasive species treatment plans for both Robinson and Ottarnic Ponds. 50% grant award for this work will be forthcoming for review in March.

Mr. Collins mentioned that Ryan Friedman showed him how to download the new GIS trail map app on his cell phone and reported that it works well. Mr. and Mrs. Collins are interested in conducting a picnic at Musquash Pond in early Sept. He will have Ryan Friedman attend to explain the mapping project. He also invited Mr. Friedman to conduct a training session in April or May at our regular meeting. Ryan is currently adding QR codes to the new trail maps.

VIII. Motion to adjourn:

Mr. Dickinson moved to adjourn our regular meeting at 7:46 PM; seconded by Mr. Pinsonneault.

Motion Carried 4/0/0

Ken Dickinson

Ken Dickinson, Clerk