



TOWN OF HUDSON

Conservation Commission



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DATE: April 8, 2024

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>
John Walter Member <u> X </u>	Linda Krisciunas Alternate <u> E </u>	David Morin Selectman Rep <u> X </u>	Elvis Dhima Town Engineer <u> X </u>

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:
All members welcomed John Walter as a newly appointed member of the Commission.

II. Old Business: none

III. Other Business

a. Robinson Pond-VHB Reports:

Garrison Beck from VHB made a visual presentation to the Commission regarding the Federal MS4 permit requirements and the proposed improvements at Robinson Pond Recreation Area (beach and boat launch improvements). The Commission asked several questions which were answered by Mr. Beck, i.e. Mr. Beck explained that an Alum treatment would be effective; however it is very expensive. Mr. Dhima provided additional info regarding this item. All commissioners were generally in acceptance of the plan. VHB will move forward with a proposal to provide engineering plans at our next regular meeting in May.

b. Robinson Pond and Ottarnic Pond Long Term Management Plans:

Chairman Collins reviewed management plans prepared by Amy Smagula, State Limnologist @ NHDES. The Commission asked several questions. Chairman Collins asked all Commission members to further review the reports in effort to further discuss at our regular meeting in May.

c. Musquash Pond Invasive Species Treatment Work:

Chairman Collins reviewed proposed contract as prepared by Eric Radlof of Full Circle Forestry. Mr. Dickinson asked if the work schedule (timeframe to perform the work) could be verified by Mr. Radlof. Chairman Collins agreed to contact him in effort to obtain confirmation regarding this matter. Chairman Collins entertained a motion to approve the contract and schedule the work.

Mr. Pinsonneault moved to accept the motion, seconded by Mr. Murphy.

Motion Carried 5/0/0

d. April Trail Work Day: Sunday, April 14th, 9 AM-12 PM. Meet at Woodland Dr. trail entrance. Chariman Collins looks forward to installing timber steps into the steepest portion of the slope.

e. Open Space Continued Discussion:

Chairman Collins sent letters to local landowners as discussed last month. Mr. Collins is waiting on responses and will work on sending more letters as time allows. A brief discussion followed.

f. Pond Treatments:

Chairman Collins noted that grant contracts/paperwork had been received from NHDES recently regarding Milfoil and Fanwort herbicide treatments at both Robinson and Ottarnic Ponds. Solitude anticipates performing treatments in June and July. Town of Hudson contribution for professional services is approx. \$36,000. Mr. Collins noted that he had extreme difficulty paddling at Ottarnic Pond last summer due to the extreme level of invasive weed growth. Mr. Dickinson noted that he spoke with a landowner who lives on Robinson Pond while hiking around it. They are actively using

Robinson Pond throughout the year and care about its water quality. Mr. Dickinson expressed that it would be a good year to perform treatments early in the season as it has been generally warmer and wetter than usual. Although the cost is higher now, it has been at least two years since any herbicide treatment has been performed. Mr. Collins noted that plans and maps for both ponds are forthcoming.

IV. Financial Status:

Conservation Fund Balance = \$780,884. Forestry Fund Balance = approx. \$44,000. Chairman Collins will review our financial reports with the Finance Director in effort to further refine them.

V. Correspondence:

Chairman Collins reviewed our monthly correspondence which included the following:

- a) NH Lakes-Lake Host Impact Report and Donation Thank You Letter.
Mr. Walter noted two active bills 1) septic setback ordinance 2) wake board setback ordinance

VI. Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Pinsonneault moved to accept the March 11, 2024 regular meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Murphy.

Motion Carried 4/0/1 (Mr. Walter abstained as he was not active in March.)

VII. Commissioner's Comments:

Mr. Dhima thanked the board for our motions.

Mr. Pinsonneault reminded everyone of Turkey Hunting Season and wished everyone safe hunting.

Mr. Dickinson intends to create a map for Mr. Dhima to review in effort to update pg. 17 of our Open Space Master Plan. Mr. Dhima will comment upon its creation.

All members further welcomed Mr. Walter to the Commission.

VIII. Motion to adjourn:

Mr. Pinsonneault moved to adjourn our regular meeting at 9:11 PM; seconded by Mr. Walter.

Motion Carried 5/0/0

Ken Dickinson

Ken Dickinson, Clerk