



TOWN OF HUDSON

Conservation Commission



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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

Carl Murphy
Chairman X

Ken Dickinson
Vice-Chair X

Christopher Cameron
Clerk X

John Walter
Member X

Kathy Griswold
Member X

Linda Krisciunas
Alternate X

David Morin
Selectman Rep E

Elvis Dhima
Town Engineer X

CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON AT 07:05 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

SEATING OF ALTERNATES: None

PUBLIC INPUT RELATED TO NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None

I. New Business

None

II. Old Business

a. ZORC Meetings

Discussion on potential topics for the upcoming meetings. Mr. Murphy compiled a collection of different

ordinance language from other NH communities that have more Conservation Commission involvement. One of the objectives is to have more involvement by the Conservation Commission in their advisory role to the Planning Board with regards to natural resource impacts not specifically related to wetlands or wetland buffers. Mr. Dhima advised that the Commission clearly identify their objectives, things that may be lacking in current language, and the need and benefit of any proposals to be presented (e.g. make a solid business case for any proposed changes). Commissioners will look through the sample language and work to identify ideas to propose for the upcoming ZORC committee meetings this fall.

b. Hudson Trails Challenge

Discussion on which trails to update on the checklist. Trails to be included should be marked and should be in reasonably good shape. The challenge will begin around Labor Day and applications will be accepted starting then; patches will be distributed once they become available.

c. Proposed Bridges: Musquash-Gumpus Connector, Tiger Rd Property

Mr. Walter and Mr. Dickinson to do more research on potential crossing locations, depth of muck, crossing distances, and other requirements for the bridge crossings.

III. Other Business

a. Invasive Plant Management

Recap of site walk with Erik Radloff at Tiger Rd property on 7/11/2025. Plans to treat poison ivy along Tiger Road up to and around the main trailhead. Bittersweet and other invasives can be treated in future year(s).

b. Wildlife Monitoring Program

Brief presentation by Rem Roll of UNH to be held at next month's meeting on 8/11/2025.

c. Forester

Mike Gagnon to perform site walk evaluation at Tiger Rd property at 9am on 9/13/2025. After a brief discussion several members indicated that they don't believe a timber harvest is appropriate on this property currently, given the forested upslope with relatively mature trees, which is becoming somewhat rare in Hudson, and the proximity to residences and the shorefront of Robinson Pond. The forester evaluation will look at overall forest health, invasive species, harvest potential, potential management strategies, and whether or not forest management is appropriate at this site.

d. Kimball Hill Town Forest Sign

Mr. Walter built a new high-quality wood sign with recessed lettering for the main entrance to the town forest parking area on Kimball Hill Rd. This can be installed at the next trail work day.

e. Bridge at Robinson Pond Rec Area

Originally installed by Boy Scout Troop 20, the bridge is need of repair or replacement. The Commission will reach out to the troop to see if they are interested in being involved with the bridge work as well as with building trailhead kiosks for the Tiger Road property and Colburn Town Forest.

f. Workday Recap

The crew cleared vegetation on the Hamblett-Nash trail at Musquash Pond and at Colburn Town Forest. They also cleared downed trees and cut some vegetation to re-open the view at Colburn. Trash was cleared from the Musquash parking area as well.

g. Next Workday

The next workday is scheduled for 8:30am on Sun 8/17 at the Woodland Drive trailhead for the Musquash Conservation Area. Work will include replacing rope handrails with pressure-treated lumber, clearing vegetation, cutting downed trees, and additional trimming on the recently cleared Wilkinson View Trail. The sign for the Kimball Hill Town Forest parking area may also be installed.

h. HCTV Videos

The feature program for the Pelham Road Conservation Area aired on the local access television station and is available to stream online. The next program will focus on the Tiger Road property, highlighting the current conditions, work completed so far, and potential improvements.

IV. Financial Status

It was highlighted that a new fiscal year began on 7/1/2025 and the remaining balance from the previous year was returned to the overall town budget.

V. Correspondence

a. NH Lakes

Thank-you letter for the received donation

b. SPNHF

Latest issue of the “Forest Notes” newsletter

VI. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Dickinson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Griswold, to accept the June 2025 regular meeting minutes.

Motion Carried 5/0/0

VII. Commissioner’s Comments

None

VIII. Motion to enter non-public session

Mr. Walter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cameron, to enter non-public session at 9:16pm for the discussion of a potential land purchase.

Roll call vote:

-Murphy:	Y	-Dickinson:	Y	-Griswold:	Y
-Walter:	Y	-Cameron:	Y		

The motion carried 5/0/0.

IX. Motion to close non-public session and adjourn

Mr. Walter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cameron, to close the non-public session at 10:05pm and adjourn the meeting.

Roll call vote:

-Murphy:	Y	-Dickinson:	Y	-Griswold:	Y
-Walter:	Y	-Cameron:	Y		

The motion carried 5/0/0.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christopher Cameron", written in a cursive style.

Christopher Cameron, Clerk