



TOWN OF HUDSON

Conservation Commission



Randy Brownrigg, Chairman

Dave Morin, Selectmen Liaison

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION AGENDA

The Conservation Commission will hold its next regular meeting on **Monday, September 14, 2020** at 7:00 p.m. in the **Community Center**, located at 12 Lions Ave., Hudson, NH. .

- ✓ Call to Order
- ✓ Pledge of Allegiance
- ✓ Roll Call
- ✓ Alternates
- ✓ Public Input Related to Non-Agenda Items

I. Old Business:

- A. Parking area at Musquash
- B. Rangers Town Forest clean-up
- C. Schedule trail work for properties
- D. Robinson Pond and Ottarnic Pond treatment results

II. New Business:

- A. Warrant Article to increase from 5 to 7 members

III. Other Business

IV. Financial Status:

V. Correspondence:

VI. Approval of Minutes:

- A. July 13, 2020 Meeting Minutes and Non-Public Meeting Minutes (with corrections)
- B. August 10, 2020 Meeting Minutes and Non-Public Meeting Minutes

VII. Commissioner's Comments:

*Next Regular Meeting: * October 19, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.*

* Please note that the October meeting will be pushed out one week due to the Columbus Day holiday.

Randy Brownrigg (DMS)
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Expenditure Report - Including Carry Forward Activity
 Conservation Committee
 Town of Hudson, NH
 As Of: August 2020, GL Year 2021

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Account Number	Budget	Prior Year Encumbered	Budget & PY Adjustments	Net Budget	MTD Exp	YTD Exp	Encumbered	Balance Available	%Used
Conservation Fund									
06-4619-5586-202-000	Conserv Comm, Sm. Equipment Mfce 2,300.00	0.00	0.00	2,300.00	196.25	196.25	0.00	2,103.75	8.533
06-4619-5586-217-000	Conserv Comm, Assoc Dues/Fees 1,327.00	0.00	0.00	1,327.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,327.00	0.000
06-4619-5586-235-000	Conserv Comm, Registration Fees 500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.000
06-4619-5586-252-000	Conserv Comm, Prof Services 48,626.00	40,204.00	0.00	88,830.00	12,311.00	16,977.38	30,093.00	41,759.62	52.989
Total Conservation Fund									
Selected Year	52,753.00	0.00	0.00	52,753.00	196.25	4,862.63	2,200.00	45,690.37	13.388
Prior Year	0.00	40,204.00	0.00	40,204.00	12,311.00	12,311.00	27,893.00	0.00	100.000
Sort Total	52,753.00	40,204.00	0.00	92,957.00	12,507.25	17,173.63	30,093.00	45,690.37	50.848



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DATE: July 13, 2020

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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Randy Brownrigg Chairman <u> X </u>	William Collins Vice-Chair <u> X </u>	Brett Gagnon Member <u> X </u>	Ken Dickinson Member <u> X </u>
Elliott Veloso Member <u> X </u>	Paula Hubert Alternate <u> E </u>	Jennifer Parkhurst Alternate <u> E </u>	
David Morin Select. Rep. <u> X </u>	Elvis Dhima Town Staff <u> X </u>		

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- I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON AT 07:03 P.M.
 - II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
 - III. ROLL CALL
 - IV. SEATING OF ALTERNATES

None

V. Public Input Related to Non-Agenda Items: None

VI. Old Business

VII. New Business

A. Parking Area at Musquash Pond.

Mr. Collins gave a brief presentation on upgrading parking at Musquash Pond. He stated that the hiking trails are more heavily used and that current parking conditions are no longer suitable for the number of people visiting the site. Commission members concurred that parking was an issue and that further evaluation and more information be gathered before moving forward. Mr. Collins, Mr. Gagnon and Mr. Dickinson will look into the matter further and report preliminary findings in August.

B. Rangers Town Forest Clean Up. September 5th and 6th were chosen to perform a cleanup of the Rangers Town Forest. Time to meet will be 9:00 a.m. Mr. Gagnon will solicit assistance from neighbors of the property to aide in clean up and trail maintenance.

C. Kimball Hill Town Forest. August 23th was chosen to perform clean up and trail maintenance at the Kimball Hill Town Forest. Start time will be 9:00 a.m. and as always volunteers are always appreciated.

D. Trail name for the Colburn property. Mr. Dickinson offered up a couple of suggestions for trail names for the newly constructed trail on the Colburn Property. They were "Monadnock Vista Trail" and Wapack Overlook Trail. Mr. Collins moved to accept Monadnock Vista Trail as the formal trail name. Motion seconded by Mr. Veloso, motion carried 5/0/0

E. Build an Information Kiosk for use by hikers and place kiosk by the new bridge. Mr. Brownrigg suggested that an informational kiosk be constructed and installed at the newly constructed bridge located in the Musquash Conservation property. He stated that it would be extremely help for people hiking the trails from different points of entry. Commission members agreed, Mr. Gagnon moved to spend up to \$150.00 from the Conservation Fund to cover the cost of materials. Mr. Dickinson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0/0.

VIII. Other Business

None

IX. Financial Status

No outstanding issue noted

X. Correspondence

Letter from Maryjane Coronis regarding a proposal to study environmental impacts on the Robinson Pond Watershed.

A request from representatives of the proposed Hudson Logistics Center requesting that the HCC defer further conversation of the matter until August 10, 2020

An update correspondence by Amy Smagula on invasive plant species control at Robinson and Ottarnic Pond

A letter from Mr. and Mrs. Mills concerning a property easement from the newly developed Eagles Nest Estates to their property.

A thank you letter from Tom O'Brien representing the NH lakes. This was in regards to the \$300.00 contribution made by the HCC.

Like Side Quarterly Publication

A letter from NHDES notifying the conservation commission of an updated publication to the Wetlands Best Management Practice and Techniques.

XI. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Collins moved to accept the HCC regular meeting minutes and Non Public Session for March 9, 2020. Motion seconded by Mr. Veloso, motion carried 5/0/0

Mr. Collins moved to accept the HCC site walk meeting minutes for March 13, 2020 and HCC regular meeting minutes for June 2, 2020 Motion seconded by Mr. Veloso, motion carried 5/0/0

Mr. Veloso moved to accept the HCC site walk meeting minutes for June 29, 2020. Motion seconded by Mr. Collins, motion carried 5/0/0

XII. Commissioner's Comments

Mr. Gagnon stated that he would like to be a contributor to a blog currently being written by Barbara Richter of the NHACC. Mr. Gagnon added that the blog concentrated on Conservation Matters and Community Volunteerism.

Mr. Dickinson stated that the packet material has been very well organized.

Mr. Collins gave a quick summary of pond treatments and was impressed at the herbicide

treatment at Ottarnic Pond stating that it was very effective. Mr. Collins also added that some vandalism had taken place at the town forest. An individual had spray painted the information kiosk and a few other items in the parking area.

XIII. Non Public Session

Mr. Veloso moved to enter into Non-Public Session at 8:10 p.m. pursuant to NH RSA 91-A:3, II(d) which states "Consideration of the acquisition, sale or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community". Mr. Gagnon seconded the motion.

Roll Call vote to enter into non-public session at 8:10 p.m.

Randy Brownrigg	William Collins	Brett Gagnon	Ken Dickinson	Elliott Veloso
Chairman yes	Vice-Chair yes	Member yes	Member yes	Member yes

The regular public meeting continued after exiting from non-public at 8:52 p.m.

Mr. Veloso moved to seal the minutes of the July 13, 2020 Non-Public Session. Mr. Gagnon seconded the motion. Motion carries 5/0/0

Motion to adjourn:

Mr. Veloso moved to adjourn tonight's meeting at 8:52 p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Brownrigg Motion Carried 5/0/0

William Collins, HCC Vice-Chairman



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DATE: August 10, 2020

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Elliott Veloso Member <u> X </u>	Paula Hubert Alternate <u> X </u>	Jennifer Parkhurst Alternate <u> X </u> (Remote)	
David Morin Select. Rep. <u> X </u>	Elvis Dhima Town Staff <u> X </u>		



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V. Public Input Related to Non-Agenda Items: None

VI. Old Business

A. Parking Area at Musquash Pond.

Mr. Collins provided an update on the plan to upgrade parking at Musquash Pond. He stated that Mr. Gagnon and himself had gone down to the site and roughly laid out an area approximately 60' x 100' in size and added that both Mr. Gagnon and he would begin collecting quotes for work such as tree removal, excavation and site design.

B. Rangers Town Forest Clean Up

Mr. Gagnon stated that he had been in touch with the Sustainability Committee and that they had graciously accepted the invite to participate in a cleanup at Rangers Town Forest and that they volunteered to reach out further into the community to get a few more volunteers to participate. Cleanup at Rangers is Scheduled for September 5th and 6th.

C. Schedule Colburn Trail Work Day- This item was mistakenly place on the agenda. No discussions or decisions were made in regards to a work day at the Colburn property. Mr. Dickinson stated at the last meeting it was decided to have a work day at the Kimball Hill Town Forest on August 23, 2020 from 9:00am to 1:00pm.

VII. New Business

A. Conditional Use Permit Application Review for Hudson Car Wash, 184 Central Street; Map 176, Lot 007

Applicant representative Brent Cole of Granite Engineering, LLC. Presented information on behalf of Spaulding Investment Properties pertaining to site improvements of their property located at 184 Central Street. The owner of the property looks to add 160 square feet to an existing carwash bay to create a more modern touchless wash system. Mr. Cole explained that creating this extension and better organizing the site would have a minor impact on the wetland buffer, which exists nearby. He further explained that the total permanent impact of the project would be 473 square feet.

Seeing as most commission members had visited the site and reviewed the potential disturbance area the Chairman stated that a site walk would not be necessary at this time. Mr. Brownrigg moved to accept the Conditional Use Permit Application filed on behalf of Spaulding Investment Properties be without further comment or stipulations. Motion seconded by Mr. Velsoso, carried 4/1/0. (Mr. Gagnon voted against the motion, as he did not have a chance to review the site prior to the meeting.)

VIII. Other Business

- A. Discussion related to Special meeting on August 31, 2020 relative to the Hudson Logistics Center Conditional use permit. Mr. Brownrigg stated that representatives from the Hudson Logistics Project has asked to move their appearance back to August 24, 2020. Mr. Collins moved to accept the new date. Motion seconded by Mr. Dickinson, motion carried 5/0/0.

IX. Financial Status

No outstanding issue noted, the chairman did added that commission members should get approval before making any purchases and that the original receipt should be submitted to the Engineering Department for reimbursement.

X. Correspondence

Letter from Sara Siskavich, GISP Assistant Director – GIS/IT Programs. NRPC. Ms. Siskavich is looking for the Hudson Conservation Commissions cooperation and to participate in an advisory role for the NHDES Water Quality Planning 604(b) grant program. Ms. Siskavich has asked the HCC to draft a Letter of Intent with regards to grant program which will state the full cooperation of the HCC. Motion by Mr. Brownrigg to ask that town staff draft the Letter of Intent requested by Ms. Siskavich so that she can file a grant application for the Water Quality Study of Robinson Pond. Motion seconded by Mr. Gagnon, motion carried 5/0/0.

XI. Approval of Minutes

HCC meeting Minutes for July 13, 2020. Mr. Collins stated that there were a few errors that need to be addressed and asked that the commission defer acceptance of the meeting minutes until he could edit them for clarity.

Mr. Brownrigg moved to defer acceptance the July 13, 2020 HCC regular meeting minutes to date certain August 24, 2020, motion seconded by Mr. Gagnon, motion carried 5/0/0

XII. Commissioner's Comments

Mrs. Hubert asked whether or not Robinson Pond was currently open and safe to swim in. Mr. Dhima stated that he was under the impression that it was and that if water quality proved to be unsafe that the town would post signage stating so.

Mr. Gagnon asked if NHDES was still providing water quality testing. Mr. Dhima answered that

they were.

Mr. Dickinson stated that it would be great to get as many project as possible completed before the end of the year. He added that in a recent visit to Robinson Pond he noted the beach was closed to swimming. Mr. Dickinson added that he hoped water issue would clear up so that the beach could be reopened soon.

Mr. Collins informed members that he had finished the kiosk that will be placed near the new bridge located at the Musquash Conservation Area. He added that it would be great if someone could take on the project of getting a map showing both the Hudson and Pelham (Gumpus Pond) trails and other information to post in the kiosk. Mr. Brownrigg said he'd be happy to take on the task.

Mr. Brownrigg said that he had purchased some herbicide to treat poison ivy at the Woodland Drive entrance. He also asked that the public continue to practice "carry in , carry out" when hiking along the Hudson trails.

XIII. Non Public Session

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Roll Call vote to enter into non-public session at 7:44 p.m.

Randy Brownrigg	William Collins	Brett Gagnon	Ken Dickinson	Elliott Veloso
Chairman yes	Vice-Chair yes	Member yes	Member yes	Member yes

The regular public meeting continued after exiting from non-public at 8:52 p.m.

Mr. Veloso moved to seal the minutes of the August 10, 2020 Non-Public Session. Mr. Gagnon seconded the motion. Motion carries 5/0/0

Motion to adjourn:

Mr. Brownrigg moved to adjourn tonight's meeting at 8:53 p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Gagnon, Motion Carried 5/0/0

William Collins, HCC Vice-Chairman