



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, November 9, 2020** at 7:00 p.m. in the **Buxton Meeting Room**, located at 12 School Street, Hudson, NH, due to conflict in the Community Center.

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

I. Old Business:

- A. Update on Musquash Parking Area
- B. Trail Work and Installation of Trail Signs
- C. Merrill Park Update
- D. Fixing Bridge at Musquash Pond

II. New Business:

- A. Town Email Addresses
- B. Forestry Commission Warrant Article Discussion
- C. Accepting Elliot Veloso's Resignation
- D. By-Laws

III. Other Business

IV. Financial Status:

V. Correspondence:

VI. Approval of Minutes:

- A. October 19, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes

VII. Commissioner's Comments:

Next Regular Meeting will be held on December 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.


Randy Brownrigg, Chairman



Expenditure Report - Including Carry Forward Activity
Conservation Committee
Town of Hudson, NH
As Of: October 2020, GL Year 2021

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 Mfice	2,300.00	0.00	2,300.00	0.00	196.25	0.00	2,103.75	8.533
06-4619-5586-217-000	Conserv Comm, Assoc Dues/Fees	1,327.00	0.00	1,327.00	950.00	950.00	0.00	377.00	71.590
06-4619-5586-235-000	Conserv Comm, Registration Fees	500.00	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	-10,069.00	78,761.00	150.00	21,277.38	19,811.82	37,671.80	52.169
Total Conservation Fund									
Selected Year		52,753.00	0.00	52,753.00	1,100.00	8,162.63	3,937.82	40,652.55	22.938
Prior Year		0.00	-10,069.00	30,135.00	0.00	14,261.00	15,874.00	0.00	100.000
Sort Total		52,753.00	-10,069.00	82,888.00	1,100.00	22,423.63	19,811.82	40,652.55	50.955

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Grand Total	52,753.00	40,204.00	-10,069.00	82,888.00	1,100.00	22,423.63	19,811.82	40,652.55	50.955

November 1, 2020

Via Email

Conservation Commission
Town of Hudson
Attn: Elvis Dhima, P.E., Town Engineer
12 School Street
Hudson, NH 03051

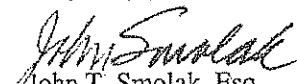
RE: Hudson Logistics Center - Conditional Use Permit Application
Request for Scheduling of Meetings

Dear Elvis:

On behalf of the Applicant, Hillwood Enterprises, L.P., we are respectfully requesting the Conservation Commission to schedule upcoming meetings with respect to the matter above. To this end, we are requesting the Conservation Commission to schedule meetings on Monday, November 16, 2020, and Monday, December 14, 2020.

While we realize it has been some time since we last met with the Commission, we have made much progress with the updated plans and related materials which we would like to share and further discuss with the Commission. Please confirm the Commission's availability to schedule these meeting dates. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any comments, questions or concerns. Thank you for your time.

Very truly yours,


John T. Smolak, Esq.

cc: John Grace and Brian Kutz, Hillwood (email only)
Langan (email only)
Gove Environmental Services, Inc. (email only)
Justin L. Pasay, Esq. (email only)
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DATE: October 19, 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.).

Should you have any questions concerning these minutes or wish to see the original recording, please contact the Town Engineer's Office at 603-886-6008.

In attendance = X Alternates Seated = S Partial Attendance = P Excused Absence = E

Randy Brownrigg Chairman <u> E </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> X </u> (Remote)	David Morin Select. Rep. <u> E </u>	Elvis Dhima Town Engineer <u> X </u>
Don Kirkland Assistant Town Engineer <u> X </u>			



- I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON AT 07:00 P.M.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. ROLL CALL
- IV. SEATING OF ALTERNATES

Mrs. Hubert seated for Mr. Brownrigg

V. Public Input Related to Non-Agenda Items:

Mr. Richard Empey of 104 Musquash Road, came forward to speak on beha see if the Conservation Commission would be willing to partner with the Benson Committee on a joint project concerning Swan Pond at Bensons Park. Mr. Empey stated that the water quality and depth in the pond has progressively worsened due to the ongoing drought and buildup of organic matter on the bottom of the pond. He added that after consulting with the Town Engineer, and Highway Superintend a plan of oxygenating the pond was seen as the best approach to the problem. Mr. Empey went on to say that the Benson Committee lacks the funding to pay for the project and was here tonight to see if the commission would be willing to pay for the system or at least part of it. The members present felt that this was a worthy expense to take on because Swan Pond is upstream from Ottarnic Pond and any improvement in water quality upstream of Ottarnic would have a positive affect.

Mr. Gagnon moved to expend no more than \$4,600.00 from the Conservation Commissions Professional Services fund 06-4619-5586-252-000 for the purchase of the Airmax Aeration System which will be used to improve water quality at Swan Pond. Mr. Dickinson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4/0/0. Rollcall votes noted below.

William Collins	Brett Gagnon	Ken Dickinson	Paula Hubert
Vice-Chair Yes	Member Yes	Member Yes	Seated Member Yes

Mr. Veloso arrived to the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

VI. Old Business

A. Parking Area at Musquash Pond.

Mr. Collins started the conversation by thanking Mr. Dickinson for taking the time to create conceptual drawings of the project. He added that it helped provide a visual aide for commission members and a starting point for the town engineering staff to improve upon. Town Engineer Dhima and Assistant Town Engineer Kirkland presented a 5 sheet plan set for the parking area which consisted of a Cover Sheet, Existing Conditions, Parking Design, Detail Sheet and Overall Sheet. Mr. Dhima stated that the next step would be to apply for a state permit as this project is within the 150' buffer and does create a new impervious surfaces for parking. Assistant Town Engineer Kirkland provided an explanation of the costs of the application and stated that it would be \$2,702.00

Mr. Dickinson moved to expend up to \$2,702.00 from the Conservation Fund to cover the cost of state permit application fees for the proposed parking area at the Musquash Conservation Area. Mr. Gagnon seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0/0. Rollcall votes noted below.

William Collins	Brett Gagnon	Elliott Veloso	Ken Dickinson	Paula Hubert
Vice-Chair Yes	Member Yes	Member Yes	Member Yes	Seated Member Yes

B. Commission Member Warrant Article

Mr. Gagnon prepared a draft motion and supporting documentation for the purpose of asking the residents of Hudson to support an increase in Commission Members from 5 to 7 members. All members agree that this increase would help to spread the work load of the commission more evenly and aide in getting work done more efficiently.

C. Trail Map update – No update to report.

D. Rangers Town Forest Clean Up

Participating members of the commission reported that the Rangers Town Forest cleanup was a huge success. They thanked Deb Putman of the Sustainably Committee and all the volunteers who joined in for this massive effort.

VII. New Business

A. Ryan Clement, Troop 20, Hudson – Presentation on his proposed Eagle Scout Project to build a bike trail at Merrill Park in Hudson.

Mr. Clement came before the commission seeking permission to design and build a bike trail at Merrill Park as part of his Eagle Scout requirement. Commission members present like the idea but asked that Mr. Clement to consider one of the other conservation properties to construct the bike trail. Mr. Collins will email Mr. Clement with three optional properties for his consideration.

B. Merrill Park Restart

Mr. Collins stated that he would like to see renewed interest in revitalizing Merrill Park for public use. He added that concepts were being discussed and some progress was being made at potential environmental improvements just before the pandemic hit and everything seemed to come to a halt. Mr. Collins asked if members would be interested in a site visit to the property to evaluate current conditions and to maybe come up with some suggestions for improvements that could be implemented this year or early next year.

Site visit to Merrill Park set for Sunday October 25th at 9:00 a.m.

C. Kiosk Installation- Mr. Collins stated he had finished the Kiosk for Musquash Pond. This kiosk will be installed near the new bridge and will have multiple maps showing trails located across the stream and span into the Pelham Gumpus Pond Conservation Area.

Planned installation following the Merrill Park site visit.

VIII. Other Business

A. None

IX. Financial Status

No outstanding issues. Current Conservation Fund is \$1,285,039.40

X. Correspondence

A letter submitted by Hudson resident William McDowell, 11 Heritage Circle. In the letter, Mr. McDowell expresses his concerns about storm water runoff from the proposed Hudson Logistics Center and its impact on local waterways within the area of development.

A letter from the Lake Host Program regarding grant funding for the 2021 season. The correspondence references a "survey" that needs to be completed by local municipalities in order to be considered for the Lake Host program 2021 matching grant funding.

XI. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Veloso moved to except the amended September 14, 2020 regular meeting minutes and the amended September 15, 2020 non-public meeting minutes. Mr. Gagnon seconded the motion, motion carried 5/0/0 Rollcall votes noted below.

William Collins	Brett Gagnon	Elliott Veloso	Ken Dickinson	Paula Hubert
Vice-Chair Yes	Member Yes	Member Yes	Member Yes	Seated Member Yes

XII. Commissioner's Comments

Mr. Gagnon and Mr. Dickinson both provided input on the Colburn property trails system. Mr. Gagnon stated that trail markings have been installed and only minor details need to be completed to consider this project a success. Mr. Dickinson added that he had been over to the property and concurred with Mr. Gagnon. He also stated that the markings had been adequately placed making navigation easy.

Mr. Collins stated that hunting season was underway in New Hampshire and that folks visiting the

local properties should be aware that hunting is permitted on town property and that they should take the appropriate safety measure when hiking and dog walking.

With no other business to attend to, Mr. Collins entertained a motion to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn:

Mr. Veloso moved to adjourn tonight's meeting at 9:05 p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Gagnon, Motion Carried 5/0/0

William Collins

William Collins, HCC Vice-Chairman

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