



TOWN OF HUDSON

Conservation Commission



William Collins, Chairman Dave Morin, Selectmen Liaison
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CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA July 11, 2022

The Town of Hudson Conservation Commission will meet on **July 11, 2022** at 7:00 p.m. in the Buxton Meeting Room, located in Town Hall 12 School Street, Hudson, NH.

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

I. Old Business:

II. New Business:

III. Other Business

- a. Land Access Hudson Town Forest – Proposed abutter access
- b. Merrill Park Proposal from 2020
- c. Rangers Town Forest Subcommittee Update – Let's look at alternatives
- d. Wood Duck Nesting Box Project – Motion to purchase 2 boxes
- e. Hudson Conservation Logo Contest – Advertisement Sheet
- f. August Meeting Cancelation – Motion to cancel the August meeting

IV. Financial Status:

Current Numbers

V. Correspondence:

- a. NH Lakes Annual Contribution
- b. NRPC Rough Trail Map Hudson Town

VI. Approval of Minutes:

- a. June 13, 2022 Meeting Minutes

VII. Commissioner's Comments:

Next Regular Meeting: Monday, August 8, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

William Collins

William Collins, Chairman

Item A: Other Business

Access Concerns and Abutter Notifications for the Town of Hudson Forested and Conserved Lands

There are currently three parcels of land designated as “Town Forests” within the town of Hudson. Ranges Town Forest with a land area of approximately 57 acres is centrally located and accessed from Rangers Drive or Roy Drive. Colburn Town Forest has a land area of approximately 52 acres and is located in the southerly portion of town. Access to this parcel is off Musquash Road across from Copper Hill Road or from Trigate Road. Lastly, Hudson Town Forest with a land area of approximately 79 acres is located in the easterly side of town and accessed from Kimball Hill Road. These particular parcels are exclusive of other conserved properties owned by the town as they were established by the Legislative Body pursuant to RSA 31:110.

All three of these properties are currently under the management of the Hudson Conservation Commission as called out in RSA 31:112 paragraph II and are open to the public for the enjoyment of hunting, fishing and other recreational activities. These properties can also be used as a source of revenue by way of timber harvesting with proceeds going to improvements within the forests to further enhance its functionality. (Note: Revenues collected from timber harvesting are deposited into an account separate of the town’s General Fund and can only be spent with the approval of the Legislative Body.)

Although the HCC manages these three parcels along with the many conserved properties scattered about town we are still only an advisory group to the BOS, Zoning and Planning Board and cannot actually implement any rules or regulations over the use or access to these lands. With this in mind I’d like to propose that the commission members discuss the following recommendations and if the majority find them to be acceptable forward these on to the BOS (governing body) for review and acceptance.

- 1) The Hudson Conservation Commission or **Overseeing Authority shall not make or suggest rules that would limit public access to properties labeled “Town Forest” or “Conserved Lands” when the use is for recreational purposes. By adopting this policy we the Conservation Commission recognize that all town owned conservation and forest properties will remain openly accessible to the general public in perpetuity.
- 2) The Hudson Conservation Commission or **Overseeing Authority shall notify all abutting landowners 90 days prior to a timber harvest taking place at Town Forest or Conserved Properties. This will allow for coordinated efforts between abutting landowners, if desired, to get the best possible harvest and least amount of disturbance to all properties involved.

- 3) If access is needed from or through lands of any “Town Forest” or “Conserved Lands” to an abutting parcel for an individual timber harvest an “Application for Access” (Figure 1) shall be filled out and submitted to the Town of Hudson Engineering Department. Once received the Hudson Conservation Commission or **Overseeing Authority along with the Town Engineer will hold a public meeting with the applicant to review the scope of work to take place and determine the best course of action.

** – Overseeing Authority – This would be a Forestry Committee if and when appointed by the BOS as referenced in 31:112 Management.

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APPLICATION FOR ACCESS



12 School Street • Hudson, New Hampshire 03051 • Tel: 603-886-6008 • Fax: 603-594-1142

I/We _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

Site Supervisor Name & Phone Number (24 /7): _____

Hereby apply for access to or through town Forest or Conserved Property, in accordance with the Town of Hudson Rules and Regulations.

Town Property to be used for access: _____

Purpose of Access: _____

Access Map Provided: YES NO

Dates & Time of Proposed Work: _____

1. Certificate of Insurance Coverage

- 1) Public Liability Insurance for bodily injury of \$25,000 for one person, and \$100,000 for each occurrence.
- 2) Property Damage \$25,000/\$100,000 aggregate. Coverage shall include collapse hazard.

Signature, Title of Lienholder _____ Date _____

Director of Public Works _____ Date _____

Town Engineer _____ Date _____

Chairman of Conservation Commission _____ Date _____

Figure 1

Item B: Other Business
Merrill Park Boat Launch
Project Outline

Introduction:

Merrill park has been a part of Hudson’s conserved lands for a while and in this time has seemingly been underutilized. With this in mind, the Hudson Conservation Commission would like to start to revitalize the park and highlight this special river access resource. The initial stage would be to attend to the immediate need of both our residents and our first responders (mainly the fire department) when ascending and descending the steep banks of the Merrimack River with various small boats and rafts.

Overview:

Currently there are some washed out stairs and boulders that allow for a difficult path down to the riverbank. Not only does this impede quality access to the Hudson residents but it stands to be a liability if it continues to go unmanaged. Refer to following images

Image 1: initial ramp from parking area

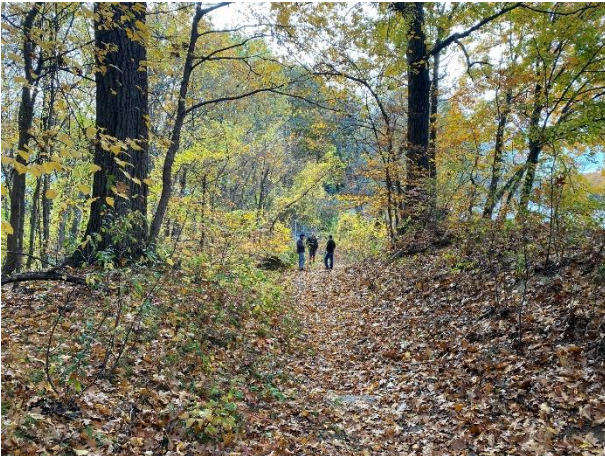


Image 2: stepped embankment



Image 3: Property Location

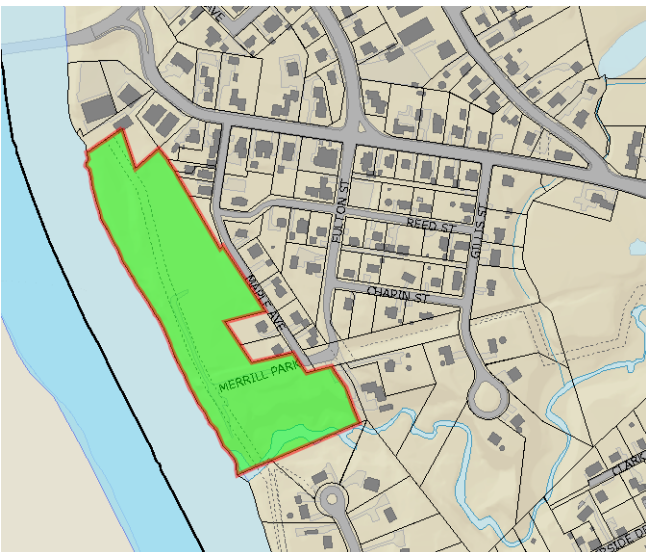


Image 4: Proposed work areas



Current Status:

Location 1 – This area, as labeled in Image 4, shows the lower trail section which is being narrowed by invasive species and other underbrush growth while also being washed away due to embankment erosion. The upper stairs have been buried by sediment due to poor drainage practices.



Location 2 – This area, as labeled in Image 4, shows the initial and gradual descent from the parking area down to the narrow path as seen above.



Location 3 – This area, as labeled in Image 4, shows a dangerous depression right next to the steep embankment within the rudimentary parking area

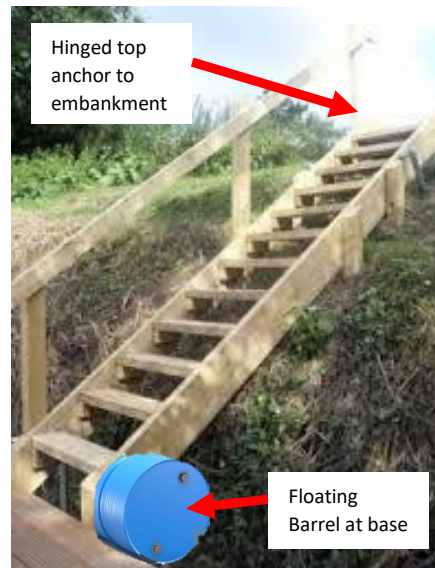
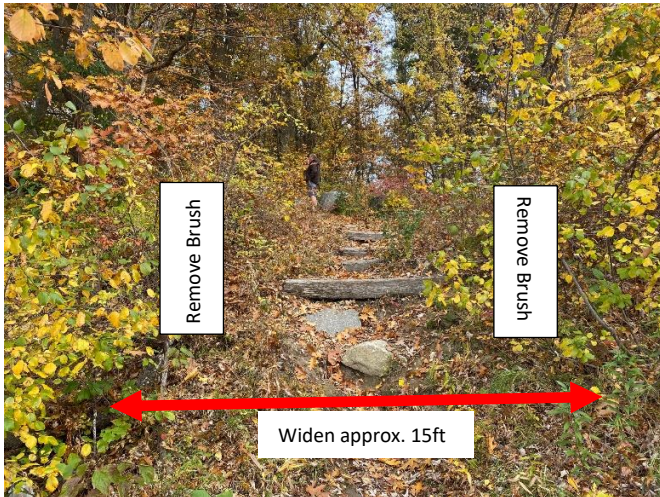


Proposed Revitalization:

Location 1 –

Option 1

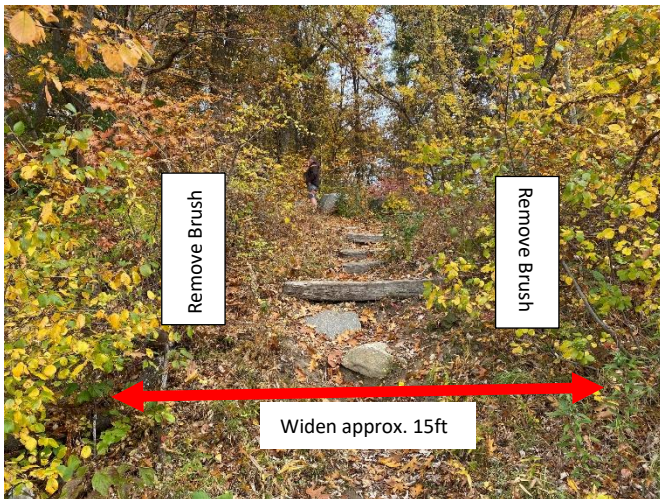
Remove over growth / remove current stairs and boulders / Install floating stairs with built in boat ramp



Stair sides would have slightly raised 4x4's above the stairs in order for small and medium sides boats to slide down. Combining the usability of stairs and a boat ramp into one device.

Option 2

Remove over growth / rebuild current stairs / Install separate boat ramp to side of stairs



Location 2 – Widen approach to allow for vehicles and small fire apparatus to deliver small to medium size boats to the launching area.




Location 3 – Regrade and fill current depression. Add a guardrail or other safety device to mitigate the hazard of a vehicle going over the bank when turning around.



Item D : Other Business

1-877-562-1818
BestNest.com

All Departments ▾



Woodlink Wood Duck House

Supply a man-made cavity, the Woodlink Wood Duck House, to bolster the steadily increasing population of these colorful waterfowl. The included wood chips serve as nesting material to help protect eggs and appeal to ducks since they cannot excavate nesting cavities on their own. Also inside the house, a wood ladder is fixed to the front panel, making it easier for ducklings to climb out when it's time to learn to swim. Topped by a sloping roof, the inside of the home stays dry. Under the roof's overhang, a ventilation slot keeps the interior from overheating. Once your duck family vacates the structure, open the hinged front door to clean out their old nest. Mount this box to a tree or post near your pond or lake to enjoy the beautiful colors of wood duck plumage. Made in the USA.

Note: The brand on the item may appear either as Woodlink or Audubon.

Opening: 3.75"L x 3"W
Dimensions: 14.5"L x 10.75"W x 23"H
Mounting: post or tree mount
Construction: cedar
Brand: Woodlink
Item Number: WDL-WD1
Availability: 124 in Stock. Ships from OH
Shipping Weight: 16 lbs
SRP: \$114.99
Your Price: \$95.99
Free Shipping

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reviews

After researching the cost of materials and evaluating the time it would take to build these boxes it is advisable to purchase two replacement boxes. Further considerations to build these ourselves can be brought forward after receiving and evaluating the prefabricated units.

Motion to purchase two Wood Duck Nesting boxes

_____ move to spend up to \$200.00 for the purchase of two Wood Duck Nesting Boxes. The boxes are to replace two boxes at the Musquash Pond Conservation Area. Motion Second _____ / /

Item E: Other Business

Hudson Conservation Commission

Logo Contest Proposal

Logo Contest:

The HCC invites the community's artistic talent to create a new logo for the Conservation Commission that will represent the committee's dedication to our natural resources and A \$XX prize will be awarded to the winner selected by the Hudson Conservation Commission.

About the Hudson Conservation Commission:

The Hudson Conservation Commission protects the town's natural resources; preserves and maintains important land including town forests and trails; ensures the proper utilization and protection of the natural resources, ecosystems, scenic vistas and open spaces of Hudson; to protect the watershed resources of Hudson; and to further promote an awareness and understanding of conservation practices and policies throughout the Town and region in keeping with state law. More information on the HCC can be found on the Town of Hudson website at <https://www.hudsonnh.gov/bc-cc>.

Logo Specifications:

We need a logo that can be used for both print and electronic media in .png or .jpg format for letterhead, website, brochures, and other branding promotions. So, the logo must be of a size and type that will be of high resolution to be visible and recognizable, as well as printable.

Eligibility & Rules:

All entries must be the original artwork of the entrant. Artwork must not include or be derived from any trademarks or copyrighted images.

Entrants may submit multiple designs. The contest is open to all Hudson residents aged 16 and up. There is no fee for entry. The HCC reserves the right to reject all entries if it deems no suitable entries have been received.

Submission Deadline:

All entries can be submitted either by e-mail attachment to: >>>>>>>. Include your name, address, and telephone number with your entry.

Entries must be received by >>>>>>>. One winner will be chosen at the HCC's >>>>>>> meeting and notified thereafter. The contest prize will be awarded by check mailed to the winner's address.

Intellectual Property:

All submitted entries become the exclusive property of the Town of Hudson Conservation Commission. By submitting an entry, the entrant agrees that entrant has complied with the rules herein and that any and all intellectual property rights in the logo are assigned to the Town of Hudson Conservation Commission. Entries will not be returned. The HCC reserves the right to request or make reasonable design modifications to a chosen entry.

Item E: Other Business



*Calling For
Creative Submissions*

LOGO DESIGN CONTEST

**The Hudson Conservation Commission is
looking for a logo & your design could win!**

Deadline:
10/31/22

Prizes:
1st Place:
2nd Place:
3rd Place:

**Official Rules can be found on the Town of Hudson
Website on the Conservation Commission page
www.hudsonnh.gov/bc-cc**



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Conservation Commission**



Item F: Other Business

Motion to Cancel August 8, 2022 HCC Meeting

Members can volunteer to man the tent at Old Home Days. Note if a Conditional Use Application is filed we will meet as scheduled to review the application and set up a site walk to accommodate the applicant.

_____ move to cancel the HCC meeting scheduled for August 8, 2022 so that members of the conservation commission can participate in the Hudson Old Home Days festivities.

Motion Second _____

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May 2022

Dear Town of Hudson Conservation Commission leader,

Summer is almost here, and I am looking forward to working closely with you and your members over the months ahead.

Last year, around this time, Town of Hudson Conservation Commission made an annual investment in statewide conservation with a \$300 contribution to NH LAKES. NH LAKES relies on the generosity of groups like Town of Hudson Conservation Commission to continue to provide the resources you have come to rely on.

Please continue to invest in clean and healthy lakes for New Hampshire by renewing your \$300 annual support today.

The NH LAKES Team is here for YOU. We look forward to continuing to provide resources and assistance to you and your group as we navigate our collective response to the threats our lakes face.

I also want to take this moment to provide your group with some NH LAKES program highlights and opportunities to help you plan for the upcoming summer at the lake (see the other side of this page). I look forward to working with you to safeguard our lakes!

Thank you for all you do for the lakes we all love, and here's to another beautiful summer on, in, and near our lakes!

Working for the lakes we all love,

Andrea LaMoreaux, President

P.S. As a Lake Host participating group, we have included an invoice for your convenience. Please let us know if you have any questions!

NH LAKES Opportunities for YOUR Community

Guest Speaker Opportunities – In-Person or Virtually

Our schedule for presenting at group meetings this summer is filling up! If you would like someone from the NH LAKES Team to present at your meeting, fill out the speaker request form on our website. In the event that in-person meetings can't be held, we are available to present to your group remotely.

You can find the speaker request form on our website at nhlakes.org/local-partner-resources.

Lakes Congress

We're back in person! Our annual education, training, and networking event will be held on **June 2 and 3 at Church Landing in Meredith along beautiful Lake Winnepesaukee**. Join us and others like you who want the best for our lakes. You'll learn about many lake-related topics from the greatest minds in the state. And, you'll have opportunities to share your lake community's stories and challenges and get advice from peers and experts. Registration is open at nhlakes.org/lakes-congress.

Explore Lakes with NH LAKES Webinar Series

We are continuing to offer educational and informative webinars as part of our *Explore Lakes with NH LAKES* series. Please encourage members of your community to participate in these free opportunities. Registration for upcoming sessions and recordings of past sessions are available at nhlakes.org/explore-lakes-webinars.

LakeSmart Guides

Did you know? As a NH LAKES partner group, you can request up to 50 copies of our publication, *The LakeSmart Book—Your Guide to Lake Friendly Living in New Hampshire!* Email us at info@nhlakes.org and we'll send you up to 50 free copies to share with your community.

Watercraft Cleaning Unit

Our CD3 (clean, drain, dry, and dispose) unit is back this summer! If you didn't get a chance to see our mobile, solar-powered, waterless watercraft cleaning unit in action last summer, visit our website to learn when this technology will be at a boat ramp near you. **If you are interested in sharing the CD3 unit with your community, please fill out our inquiry form at nhlakes.org/ais-best-tech.**

Best Tech for Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Publication and Evaluations

In addition to sharing the CD3 unit at sites throughout the state, NH LAKES works with boat access site owners and local partners to upgrade their tools and technologies to help boaters to take action to prevent the spread of invasive species. Thanks to legislation NH LAKES championed in 2019, boaters are now required, by law, to use the tools provided at access site(s) to clean, drain, and/or dry their boat, before launching into and after coming out of your waterbody. These tools may include garden hoses, cleaning tools, or decontamination units.

To help you identify the best technology practical for your access site(s), NH LAKES has a FREE publication you can download from our website. We are also available to provide evaluations and make recommendations. Access to the publication and requesting an evaluation can be done at nhlakes.org/ais-best-tech.



Lake Group Partner Renewal Form

Group Information

Group Name: Town of Hudson Conservation Commission
Contact Person: Doreena Stickney
Title: Chairman
Address: 12 School Street
City/State/Zip: Hudson, NH 03051
Phone: 603 - 594-0152
Email:
Website: www.hudsonnh.gov/boards/conservation
Our Lake: Robinson Pond
Last Partner Gift: \$300
Are you a 501(c)(3)?:

If the information on the left is incorrect, please fill in the correct information below.

Contact: _____
Title: _____
Address: _____
City/State: _____
Zip Code: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____
Address Type:
 Paid staff, address does not change
 Volunteer staff, address does not change
 Volunteer staff, address changes with contact
 PO Box belongs to organization
 PO Box belongs to contact person

Group Details

Best month/Time of year to contact us: _____ **Number of Members:** _____
Our primary lake concerns are: _____ **Annual Meeting Date:** _____
We would like to invite NH LAKES to speak at our meeting on: _____
Meeting location: _____ **Meeting time:** _____
Contact name: _____ **Contact phone:** _____
Would you like to subscribe to an email reminder for annual IRS Form 990 filing deadline? (For 501c3 groups only)
 Yes! No **If yes, when does your fiscal year end?** _____ See Association Benefits Sheet for details.

Renewal Information **Please select a partnership renewal level:**

- Distinguished Partner \$1,000+ Partner \$300-\$499
 Supporting Partner \$500-\$999 Contributor \$100-\$299
 Please send an invoice for \$_____ to the name and address below.

Name: _____ **Title:** _____
Address: _____ **City/State/Zip:** _____
Email: _____

Our partnership renewal dues of \$_____ is enclosed.
 Invoice Me! Check (payable to NH LAKES) Credit Card: Visa Master Card Discover AMEX
Card # _____ **Exp. Date:** _____ **Security Code:** _____
Name as it appears on the card: _____
Signature (required): _____

Please complete form and return with payment information to:
NH LAKES, 17 Chenell Drive, Suite One, Concord, NH 03301.
For more information, please call 603.226.0299 or visit our website at nhlakes.org.

NH LAKES

17 Chenell Drive, Suite One
Concord, NH 03301

Invoice

| Date | Invoice # |
|-----------|-----------|
| 5/11/2022 | 22-072 |

| Bill To |
|--|
| Town of Hudson Conservation Commission Doreena Stickney 12 School Street Hudson, NH 03051 |

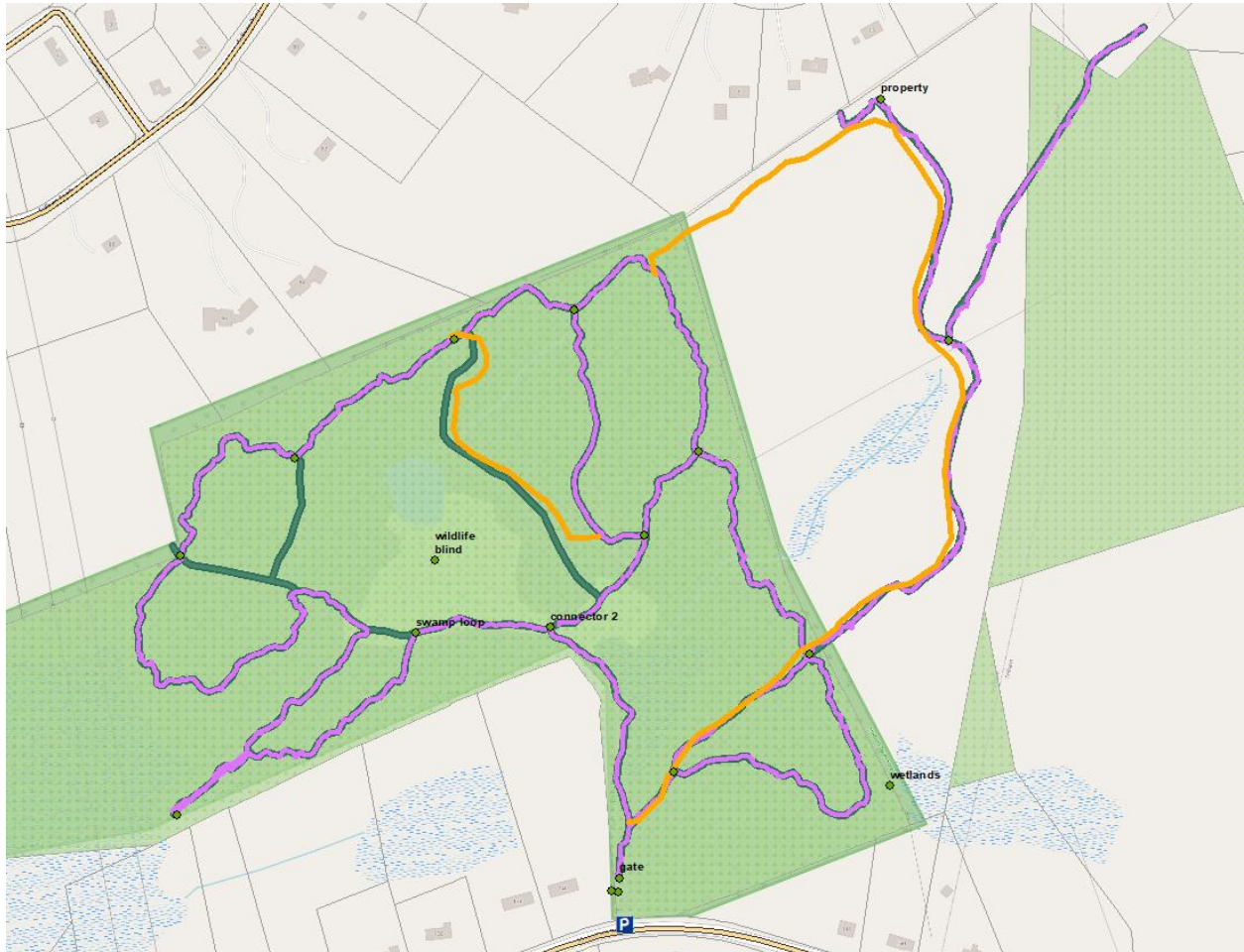


| Description | Amount |
|-------------------------|--------|
| Association Partnership | 300.00 |

Total \$300.00

Balance Due \$300.00

Item A: Correspondence



Rough Draft of the NRPC Trail mapping, Image includes the trail that extends onto the new parcel and how extending it to connect to the Perimeter trail.

The other trail of note is relocated to join the Ravine Trail.

Things to consider trail names and colors for these two items

Currently some trails have blazing and actual trail names, let's finish this.

| Blaze | Name | Status |
|---|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
|  | Perimeter Trail | Trail Signs Installed, blazing done |



Swamp Loop

Trail Signs Installed (Need one more), blazing done



Ravine Trail

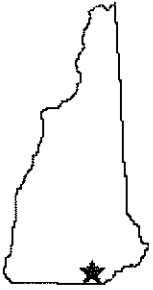
Trail Signs Installed, blazing done

Expenditure Report - Including Carry Forward Activity
 Conservation Committee
 Town of Hudson, NH
 As Of: June 2022, GL Year 2022

| Account Number | Budget | Prior Year Encumbered | Budget & PY Adjustments | Net Budget | MTD Exp | YTD Exp | Encumbered | Balance Available | %Used |
|----------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------------------------|------------|---------|------------|------------|-------------------|---------|
| Selected Year | 52,753.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 52,753.00 | 440.00 | 180,441.43 | 71,485.00 | -199,173.43 | 477.558 |
| Prior Year | 0.00 | 12,830.00 | 0.00 | 12,830.00 | 0.00 | 12,830.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 100.000 |
| Grand Total | 52,753.00 | 12,830.00 | 0.00 | 65,583.00 | 440.00 | 193,271.43 | 71,485.00 | -199,173.43 | 403.697 |

**Town of Hudson, NH
Conservation Cash Flow
Fiscal Year 2022**

| | <u>July</u> | <u>Aug</u> | <u>Sep</u> | <u>Oct</u> | <u>Nov</u> | <u>Dec</u> | <u>Jan</u> | <u>Feb</u> | <u>Mar</u> | <u>Apr</u> | <u>May</u> | <u>June</u> |
|-----------------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| Conservation | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Beginning Bal. | 748,170.57 | 748,183.28 | 748,195.99 | 748,208.29 | 748,221.00 | 748,233.30 | 748,246.01 | 748,258.72 | 748,270.20 | 748,321.66 | 748,515.40 | - |
| Income | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Deposits | 12.71 | 12.71 | 12.30 | 12.71 | 12.30 | 12.71 | 12.71 | 11.48 | 51.46 | 193.74 | 345.34 | - |
| Interest | 12.71 | 12.71 | 12.30 | 12.71 | 12.30 | 12.71 | 12.71 | 11.48 | 51.46 | 193.74 | 345.34 | - |
| Total Income | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Expenditures | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Expenditures | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Bank Charges | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total Expend. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ending Balance | 748,183.28 | 748,195.99 | 748,208.29 | 748,221.00 | 748,233.30 | 748,246.01 | 748,258.72 | 748,270.20 | 748,321.66 | 748,515.40 | 748,860.74 | - |



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DATE: June 13, 2022

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

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|--|--|--|---|
| William Collins Chairman <u> X </u> | Ken Dickinson Vice-Chair <u> X </u> | Bill Kallgren Member <u> X </u> | Brian Pinsonneault Member <u> X </u> |
| Sandra Rumbaugh Member <u> X </u> | Carl Murphy Alternate <u> X </u> | Linda Krisciunas Alternate <u> X </u> | David Morin Selectman Rep <u> X </u> |
| | | | Elvis Dhima Town Rep <u> X </u> |

CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON AT 07:02 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

SEATING OF ALTERNATES:

Public Input Related to Non-Agenda Items: None

I. Old Business –

A. Conditional Use Permit for Frenette Gardens; 65 Central Street, Map 182, Lot003-000
Mr. Collins recognized Mr. Paul Chisholm of Keach and Nordstrom Associates to provide an update on the application. Mr. Chisholm reported that they had made a slight change to the sewer

tie in based on NHDES input. This was reported as a minor change; additionally the applicant had appeared before the Planning Board and have addressed all town peer review comments. Mr. Chisholm reported that the state has approved and permitted connection to the sewer system.

Ms. Rumbaugh inquired if the applicant had any further consideration if the developer would be willing to set aside a conservation easement. Mr. Collins commented that this could not be a requirement, and would have to be voluntarily the developer. Mr. Chisholm advised that the client was review the legal technicalities but did not have all the answers to comment further on this topic.

Mr. Collins brought up concerns about possible washout near the sewer connection in event of excessive rain, with a recommendation for the developer to add additional erosion control measures. After some additional discussions, another area was also identified for additional erosion controls.

7:10 Mr. Collins seated Ms. Krisciunas

Mr. Dickinson made a motion to recommend the project based on site walk and on plans dated June 6, 2022. Motion was seconded by Mr. Pinsonneault.

Motion Passed 4-1-0

Ms. Rumbaugh noted that she felt that this project would put too much stress on the watershed feeding First Brook and was her concern regarding approving this project.

II. New Business

None

III. Other Business

- a. Presentation by Lauren Zielinski – NH Water Resources Program Manager, Merrimack River Watershed Council (MRWC) - Mr. Collins welcomed Ms. Zielinski to introduced MRWC as a non-profit focused on the Merrimack River from Franklin NH into MA with focus on making the Merrimack River cleaner, healthier and more accessible. The organization was founded 1976, when the river was one of the ten most polluted rivers in the country.

Ms. Zielinski noted that the organization focuses on water quality management, climate and watershed planning as well as ecological restoration activities, noting that funding for many of these projects can be accessed through a number of national funding sources.

Some recent projects included tree planting with Shaker Road School in Concord with a goal to plant 9000 trees over a three-year period. Other impactful activities include replacement of undersized culverts, whereby the small culvert accelerates erosion on the downstream side, such that fish cannot readily pass through the culvert. Mr. Zielinski noted that a culvert replacement can cost \$100K or more and that there were approximately 20,000 in NH that

need to be replaced.

Mr. Dhima inquired on question on how to apply for grants to help replace culverts. Ms. Zielinski provided additional insight into the different types of grants and that in some cases, the town can provide in-kind contributions by way of labor and equipment; additionally funding is available for both private and public land projects. Ms. Zielinski would welcome any inquiries from private landowners to help move these projects forward.

Mr. Morin inquired if there were funds to help develop a boat ramp to the river, which unfortunately would fall outside the scope of what would be typically funded.

Additional discussions were had regarding specific sites in town and possible projects, with a take away for the commission to review new projects and identify specific priorities in town.

b. Land Access Agreement with the Town of Pelham

Discussions continued from prior meeting regarding land access for Pelham though Hudson Town forest from Kimball Hill Road. Mr. Collins noted that Mr. Gagnon from the Pelham Conservation Commission wanted to have a formal agreement in place. Mr. Dhima reported that he had worked with the town's attorney with two options to consider. Option A – It is public access, no particular agreement is necessary. Option B – A legal agreement could be put in place.

A number of points were discussed regarding costs associated with legal agreement as well as concerns on remediation if Pelham were to perform a harvest resulting in damages to Hudson land. It was noted that a likely scenario would be a coordination of activities on any particular project and to address concerns of damages, Mr. Dhima noted that a bond could be incorporated into a statement of work.

c. Rangers Town Forest Subcommittee Update:

The sub-committee provided update that they have had additional contact with Eric Radlof at Full Circle Forestry regarding Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), which would be five to ten year projects through US Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCU).

The sub-committee has prioritized activities to

- a. Invasive removal
- b. Forest Stand improvement harvesting low value forest products
- c. Brush management control of invasive plants
- d. Habitat Development and Management
- e. Forest Trails and erosion control of main skid trails.

The sub-committee is proposing a scheduled clean-up day for the fall of 2022, as well as recommending installation of two Kiosks at cul-de-sacs to discourage future dumping. The sub-committee is working on expanding the group to include community members and increasing social media presence.

d. Wood Duck Nesting Box Project Update

Mr. Pinsonneault reported that costs of lumber for nesting boxes is increasing. He was able to investigate directly the condition of existing boxes, noting that one had active Wood Duck nesting and Red Wing Blackbirds additionally were utilizing two. Two boxes in poor condition were removed; however, Mr. Pinsonneault was unable to remove the poles. The conditions will be further investigated after nesting season. Regarding costs, Mr. Pinsonneault has reached out to several organization, such as Ducks Unlimited and noted that a single cedar board 1" x 10" x 18' is running about \$175 and there is possibility to purchase boxes at \$84 each on eBay.

Mr. Dickinson noted that he might have some contacts to assist in sourcing cedar.

Discussions were tabled until next meeting, as installation of the new boxes would be scheduled over winter allowing work on ice.

e. Hudson Conservation Logo Contest

Mr. Collins provided an overview on Hudson Conservation Commission Logo Contest Proposal drafted by Brenda Collins. The overview includes outreach to the community to bring more awareness to the commission's activities and purposes for protecting our natural resources. Additionally, the proposal includes eligibility and rules along with logo specifications. It is planned to run the contest starting at Old Home Days into October.

Ms. Krisciunas offered to reach out to school art departments to help generate interest in the project.

f. Trail Work Day June 18th, 2022 Kimball Hill Town Forest

Work was scheduled for June 18th starting at 9:00 am until 11:00am for trail blazing activities and several trees were identified on Deacon Merrill trail that needed clearing as well.

IV. Financial Status

Current financial status shows a balance of \$748K USD with new funding to kick in July 1, 2022.

V. Correspondence

Review of Volunteer Lake Assessment Program reports were reviewed, noting worsening conditions in transparency and pH at Robinson pond. Conductivity was stable at Robinson Pond. All measurements were stable at Otternic Pond.

Note that Robinson pond is currently closed for swimming at Robinson pond. Kayaking is OK but the commission would not recommend consumption of fish. Otternic Pond is safe for activities.

Review of Land Conservation Investment Program Field Visit Report – the report from field

visit may 2, 2022 was reviewed with some recommendations on resources for dealing with invasive species, including getting rid of Japanese Knotwood, as well as check boundaries periodically.

VI. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Rumbaugh made a motion to accept meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Pinsonneault.

Motion carried 4-0-1

VII. Commissioner's Comments

Mr. Pinsonneault commented that the presentation provided earlier in the meeting was very informative.

Ms. Rumbaugh updated the commission that the Full Moon for June will peak the following evening (June 16th) and is named the Strawberry Moon, along with a grand alignment of five visible planets on June 22. Additionally, Ms. Rumbaugh encouraged ways of playing "Nature Bingo" as a way to explore the outdoors and keeping kids busy during the summer. Finally hiking the Belknap Range west of Winnepesaukee includes 12 mountains and you can earn a "Belknap Range Hiker" patch when all are completed. Mount Major is recommended to start at 1.5 miles and 1300 feet elevation change.

Motion to adjourn:

Mr. Dickinson moved to adjourn tonight's meeting at 9:00p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Pinsonneault.

Motion Carried 5/0/0

Bill Kallgren

William Kallgren, HCC Clerk