

Conservation Commission



William Collins, Chairman

Dave Morin, Selectmen Liaison

12 School Street ' Hudson, New Hampshire 03051 ' Tel: 603-886-6008 ' Fax: 603-816-1291

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA September 12, 2022

The Town of Hudson Conservation Commission will meet on **September 12**, **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:

- a. Merrill Park Up Date and Proposed Plan Set
- b. Land Access Hudson Town Forest Proposed abutter access continued from July 2022

II. New Business:

- a. Public hearing Land Purchase of 103 Wason Road
- b. Conditional Use Permit for New Garage, 23 Woodcrest Dr., Map# 125, Lot# 010-000
- **c.** Discussion about possible donation of approximately 6 acres from Brox Industries Bruce Gilday, owner representative

III. Other Business

- a. Old Home Days T-Shirt Contest winners (3)
- **b.** Wood Duck Box B. Pinsonneault
- c. Trail Name for the town Forest trails

IV. Financial Status:

Current Numbers

V. Correspondence:

- a. NHDES Utility Maint. Activity Statutory Permit by Notification from BSC Group
- b. NHDES Utility Maint. Activity Statutory Permit by Notification from Tighe & Bond

VI. Approval of Minutes:

- a. June 13, 2022 Meeting Minutes
- b. July 11, 2022 Meeting Minutes

VII. Commissioner's Comments:

Next Regular Meeting: Monday, October 17, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

*Please note that the October meeting will be held on the THIRD Monday of the month due to the Columbus Day holiday.

William Collins

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TOWN OF HUDSON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

MERRILL PARK IMPROVEMENTS



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TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

KARA ROY, CHAIRPERSON BOB GUESSFERD, VICE—CHAIRMAN DAVID S. MORIN, MARILYN MCGRATH BRETT GAGNON

TOWN ENGINEER

ELVIS DHIMA, P.E.

SEPTEMBER 2022

LIST OF DRAWINGS

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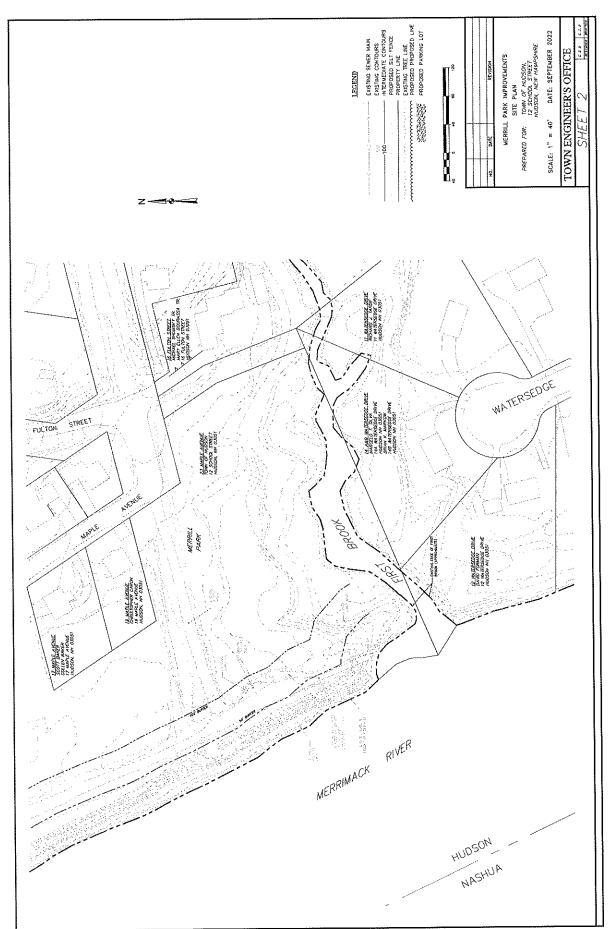
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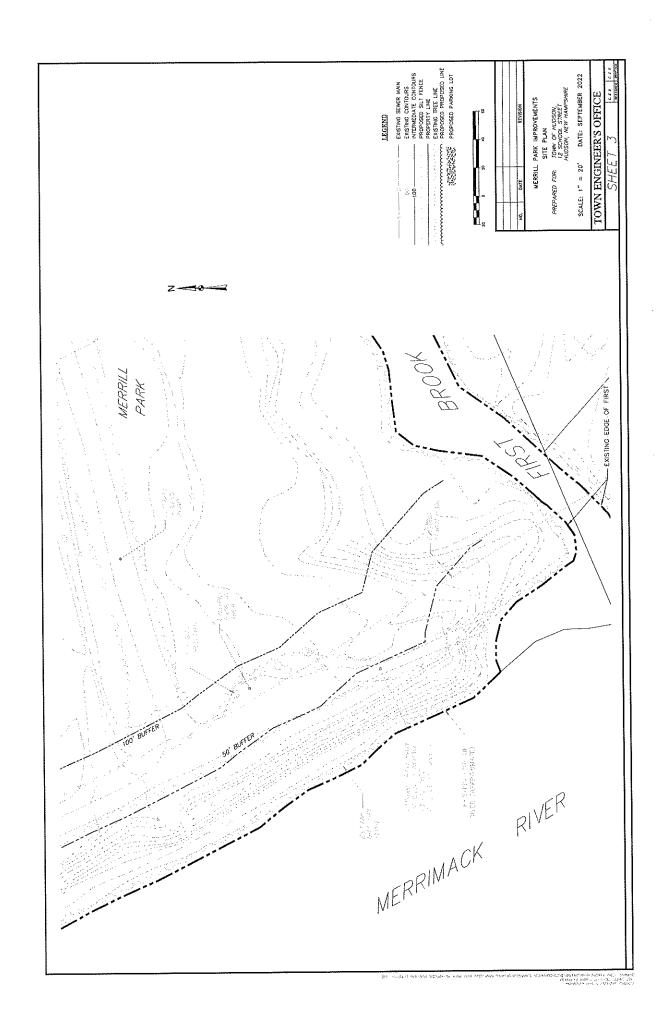
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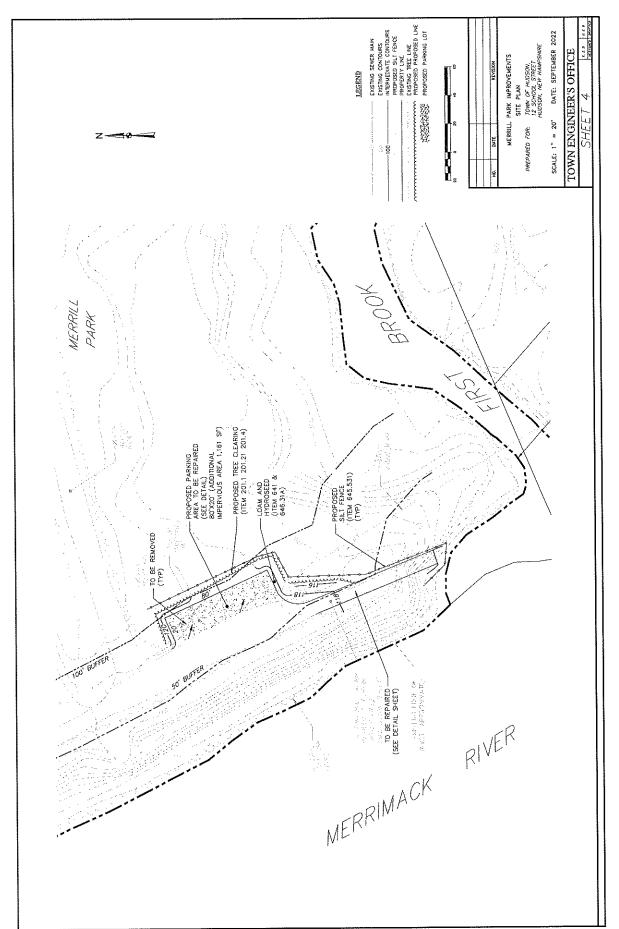
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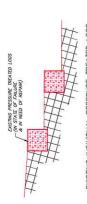
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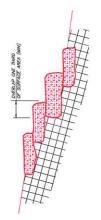




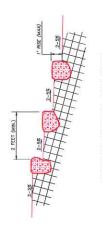
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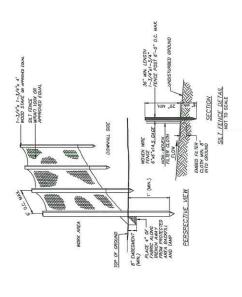
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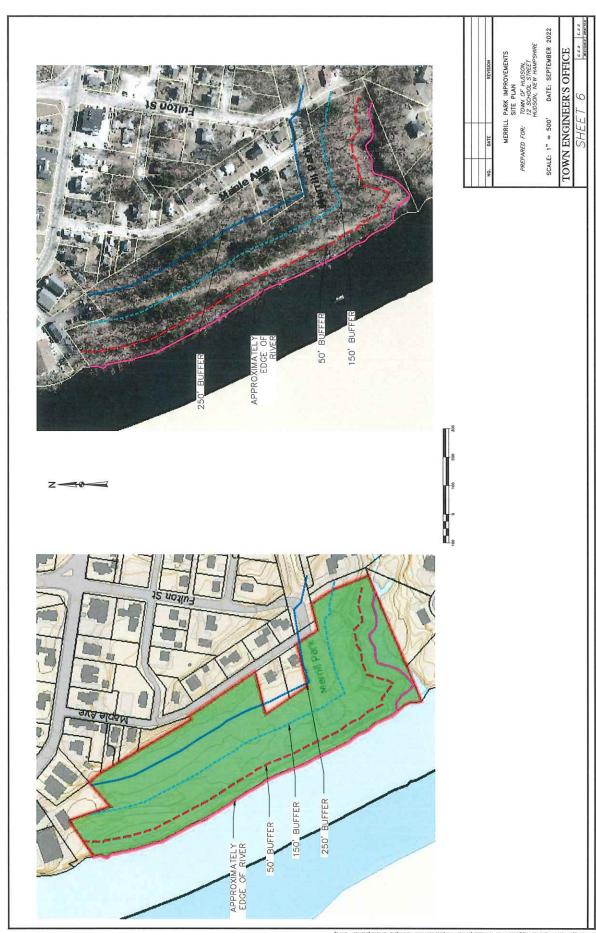
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Item A: Other Business

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 such as **hunting**, **hiking** and fishing. 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 30 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:
		Email:
Site Supervisor Name & Phor	ne Number (24 /7):	4.2.2.4.
Hereby apply for access to or of Hudson Rules and Regu	9	or Conserved Property, in accordance with the Town
Town Property to be used for	r access:	
Purpose of Access:		
Access Map Provided:	YES	NO
Dates & Time of Proposed V	Vork:	
 Certificate of Insurance Co Public Liability Insurance each occurrence. Property Damage \$25,0 	verage e for bodily injury o 000/\$100,000 aggreg	f \$25,000 for one person, and \$100,000 for gate. Coverage shall include collapse hazard.
Signature, Title of Lienholder	•	Date
Director of Public Works		Date
Town Engineer		Date
Chairman of Conservation Conser	ommission	Date

moved to spend up to \$156,000 from the Town of Hudson Conservation Fund
to purchase approximately 31.1 acres of land currently owned by Chadwick, Richard G TR and
Co-Owned by Chadwick, Frances M TR, 93 Bush Hill Road Hudson NH. Reference Map 212,
Lot 016.
Motion second
Roll call vote





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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.).

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

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

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 Winnipesaukee 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





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DATE: July 11, 2022

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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. Old Business None
- II. New Business None
- III. Other Business

A - Land Access Hudson Town Forest - Proposed abutter access.

Mr. Collins reviewed document titled "Access Concerns and Abutter Notifications for the Town of Hudson Forested and Conserved Lands" included in the meeting packet. General discussions were held regarding the three parcels, Rangers Town Forest, Colburn Town Forest and Hudson Town Forest regarding access to the property. It was noted that these properties are currently under the management of the Hudson Conservation Commission and are open for use to the public for recreational activities such as hiking, hunting and fishing.

Discussion were held on several proposed recommendations to the Board of Selectmen for review including (summarized here)

1 – The Hudson Conservation Commission or Overseeing Authority shall not make or suggest rules that limit public access to town forests or conserved lands when used for recreational activities.

parcel for an individual timber harvest, an "Application for Access" would be required.

2 - The Hudson Conservation Commission or Overseeing Authority shall notify abutting
 landowners 90 days prior to a timber harvest taking place on Town Forest or Conserved properties.
 3 - If access were needed from or through any "Town Forest" or "Conserved Lands" to an abutting

Figure #1 Application for Access was reviewed.

Discussion included proposed abutter notification of 90 days prior. Mr. Dhima noted that most quotations for work are typically valid for 30 days only and that a 90-day notification may require re-quoting with a recommendation that the notification window be consistent with existing town practices.

Mr. Morin suggested that the document should be reviewed by the town attorney.

Mr. Collins will make some updates to the project for further review.

B - Merrill Park Proposal from 2020

Mr. Collins reviewed Merrill Park Boat Launch Project Outline that had been started some years ago. A review of current conditions was discussed with a goal to do rehabilitation work at the site to include improvements for parking and improvements to open access to the river for public use as well as access for emergency services.

Mr. Dhima noted that the may be possibility to get matching funds from the recreation department to cover some of the costs for this project. It was noted that there would be costs with repermitting necessary for this project with the state.

Mr. Morin questioned if asbestos could be a problem with the site, with Mr. Collins indicating that, it likely would not be an issue as the work would be improvements to existing conditions to include the existing parking area, installation of guardrail, some tree clearing and addition of loose gravel.

Regarding guardrails, some discussions were held on merits of concerns about liability, Mr. Dhima suggested that if wood guardrails were to be installed, the town DPW could set the posts using

existing procedures and following standard placement requirements as it is a common practice. Additional discussions included alternate options such as boulders to reduce costs.

Mr. Morin was concerned that the ramp access should be wide enough for the fire department to be able to easily carry a boat to the river. Mr. Pinsonneault also supported that every effort should be made to enable access for the fire department.

An initial estimate of \$5K USD was proposed for the project with input from Mr. Dhima and Mr. Morin that costs may be higher.

After extensive discussion on budget, Ms. Rumbaugh made a motion to propose a not to exceed amount of \$10K USD to move the project forward. Mr. Pinsonneault seconded the motion. Mr. Dickinson provided input that a layout and materials list should be included in any presentation to the planning board for this project.

Mr. Collins suggested an amendment to the motion to generate an itemized list of materials for the project.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

C – Rangers Town Forest Sub-Committee Update

The sub-committee reviewed correspondence with Dick Holmes, Chair of the Charlestown Conservation Commission who had recently done a project through USDA Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). Charlestown has three Town Forests encompassing 438 acres. The first experience with the program had gone well. Monies from the EQIP program were used for control of invasive species, girdling pine trees and wildlife habitat management.

Paperwork for the funding was all handled by Full Circle Forestry and it was noted that it took a long time for approval through NRCS and it was noted that funds from the 2018 Farm Bill ends in 2023.

It was clarified that the land is leased to Full Circle Forestry and NRCS requires a Land Use Control form that the Charleston felt was very broad. The Charlestown lawyer drew up an additional contract with more terms.

Mr. Collins questioned if the town would have to spend any upfront money, which the sub-committee reported there would be some up-front costs to pay the forester to fill out the applications required and noted that there would be no guarantee that the town would get the funding through the EQIP program.

Mr. Dickinson indicated that he would like to see a written proposal from Full Service Forestry, with input. Ms. Rumbaugh input that focus should be on timber harvest and possibility of a town warrant article to get funding for invasive species controls. Input was provided from Mr. Collins and Mr. Pinsonneault on other grants that could be researched for invasive control as an alternate to a warrant article.

D - Wood Duck Nesting Box Project

Mr. Pinsonneault updated the committee on wood duck boxes and reviewed costs of raw materials for the commission to fabric vs. the costs to purchase ready-made boxes, with a recommendation that the commission purchase two wood duck boxes for evaluation. Further considerations to build ourselves can be brought forth after receiving and evaluation the pre-fabricated units.

Mr. Kallgren made a motion to spend up to \$200 for purchase of two Wood Duck Nesting Boxes to replace two boxes at the Musquash Pond Conservation area. Motion was seconded by Mr. Dickinson.

Passed 5-0-0

E – Hudson Conservation Logo Contest

The commission continued discussions from prior meetings regarding Logo Contest Proposal. Ms. Rumbaugh supplied four tickets to Lost River Gorge followed by additional discussions on prizes. Input was suggested a \$50 gas card for first place, Mr. Morin suggested gift card to Country Brook Farms (amount to be determined) and a third place of tickets to Lost River Gorge.

The logo contest will kick off at Old Home Days and some final wording on the contest to be finalized.

F - August Meeting Cancelation

Discussions were held on volunteering for working at Old Home Days in lieu of an August meeting. Mr. Collins noted that if an application were received requiring the Conservation Commission, a meeting would need to be scheduled to meet town obligations.

Mr. Kallgren made a motion to cancel the August meeting, seconded by Mr. Dickinson.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

IV. Financial Status

Mr. Collins reviewed current financial status noting that this is financial date through June and negative numbers will update when the new financial year starts in July. Current balance is approximately \$748K USD

V. Correspondence

Mr. Collins reviewed correspondence regarding NH Lakes Annual Contribution and NRPC Rough trail mapping activities.

NHDES provided notification dated July 5 that a wetland permit application for Executive Drive and that the application was complete. This notification is of the application, it is not a permit or authorization to perform work.

Amy Smagula provided update on results from invasive species controls, noting that Fanwort

control is recommended and that hand harvesting could be performed. It is not expected that additional diving will be needed.

Lake Host Program are looking for folks to work with pay between \$15-\$20 per hour.

Mr. Collins updated the commission on trail blazing activities and requested the commission to think of some names for new trails.

VI. Approval of Minutes

Approval of Meeting Minutes was deferred until the next meeting.

VII. Commissioner's Comments

Ms. Rumbaugh updated the commission that the Full Moon for July is the Buck Moon and would be a "supermoon" at the closest approach to Earth in 2022 at approximately 222K miles. It will peak July 13. It is named the Buck Moon as male deer antlers reach peak growth in early summer.

Additionally, Ms. Rumbaugh encouraged several options for hikes during Blueberry seasons. Recommended Hikes to eat wild blueberries include:

Gap Mountain in Jaffrey area with views of Mt. Monadnock to the north and blueberries on many of the open ledges. This route approximately 2.4 miles.

Ted and Carolyn's trail to the top of North Pack Mountain in Greenfield. Approximately 6 miles, blueberries can again be found on open ledges.

For those who might not want to hike, Ms. Rumbaugh introduced the commission to Wood Sorrel – edible in moderate amounts, this weed can be readily found with a lemony taste which goes well with meat and fish.

Motion to adjourn:

Ms. Rumbaugh moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM; seconded by Mr. Pinsonneault.

Motion Carried 5/0/0

Bill Kallgren

William Kallgren, HCC Clerk