



TOWN OF HUDSON

Conservation Commission



William Collins, Chairman David Morin, Selectmen Liaison

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA February 13, 2023

The Town of Hudson Conservation Commission will hold its next meeting on **February 13, 2023** 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. Logo Contest- Art work evaluation
- b. Rangers Town Forest Tree Harvest update
- c. Abutting Land Owner Access Form Rumbaugh

II. New Business:

- a. HB 592-FN - AS INTRODUCED
Draft letter in favor of or against this legislation
- b. Signs indicating cleanup underway – types and costs

III. Other Business:

- a. Trail Work Day – February
- b. Trail Work Log-2023 Dickinson

IV. Financial Status:

Current Report

V. **Correspondence**

VI. **Approval of Minutes:**

January 9, 2023 Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2023 Rangers Town Forest Workday

VII. **Commissioner's Comments:**

VIII. Non Public Session - RSA 91-A:3 II (d) 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.

Next Regular Meeting: Monday, March 13, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

William Collins

William Collins, Chairman

Hudson CC - 2023 Trail Work Log / Project Inventory

| <u>Log Date:</u> | <u>Property:</u> | <u>Task:</u> | <u>Status:</u> |
|------------------|------------------|---|----------------|
| 1/15/2023 | Rangers | Remove large Pine Tree across trail north of gas line | |
| 1/15/2023 | Kimball | Remove large Tree across Ravine Trail near bottom | |
| 1/15/2023 | Kimball | Remove tires and other junk from new parcel | |
| 1/15/2023 | Kimball | Remove fallen saplings from new parcel access trail | |
| 1/15/2023 | Kimball | Create and sign new connector Trail on new parcel | |
| 1/15/2023 | Colburn | Clear multiple trees away from both trails | |
| 1/15/2023 | Musquash | cut large tree(s) on Deacon Merrill Trail | |
| 1/15/2023 | Musquash | cut back saplings/brush along Power Line Corridor | |
| 1/15/2023 | Musquash | add trail signs on east side and Nacook Loop | spring |
| 1/15/2023 | Musquash | poison ivy treatment along Nash Trail (west side) | spring |
| 1/15/2023 | Colburn | poison ivy treatment at trailhead | spring |
| 1/15/2023 | Musquash | Gumpas Pond connection improvements | TBD |
| 1/15/2023 | Colburn | set bench properly into ground | spring |

HB 592-FN - AS INTRODUCED

2023 SESSION

23-0334
08/05

HOUSE BILL **592-FN**

AN ACT relative to buffers around wetlands.

SPONSORS: Rep. Horgan, Straf. 1

COMMITTEE: Resources, Recreation and Development

ANALYSIS

This bill exempts temporary impacts and small impervious surface impacts projects from local overlay districts and permits for construction, excavation, or filling near wetlands.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in **bold italics**.
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

23-0334
08/05

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Three

AN ACT relative to buffers around wetlands.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 New Paragraph; Maximum Buffer; Small Surfaces. Amend RSA 482-A:3 by inserting after paragraph XX the following new paragraph:

XXI.(a) For projects with 3,000 square feet or less of permanent impervious impacts within 50 feet of a wetland, no additional local land use permits or overlay districts shall be required or apply to the project.

(1) No additional local land use permits or overlay districts shall be required or apply to a project with any permanent impacts beyond 50 feet from any wetland.

(2) No additional local land use permits or overlay districts shall be required or apply to a project with any temporary impacts any distance from a wetland.

(b) In this paragraph:

(1) "Permanent impervious impact" means an impact where vegetation is disbursed, soil is disturbed and a lasting structure, or impervious surface remains in contact with the land surface causing measurable changes to drainage.

(2) "Temporary impact" means cut and fill that are restored to preconstruction contours when construction activities are complete.

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

LBA

23-0334
1/10/23

**HB 592-FN- FISCAL NOTE
AS INTRODUCED**

AN ACT relative to buffers around wetlands.

FISCAL IMPACT: State County Local None

| LOCAL: | Estimated Increase / (Decrease) | | | |
|--------------|---------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | FY 2023 | FY 2024 | FY 2025 | FY 2026 |
| Revenue | \$0 | Indeterminable | Indeterminable | Indeterminable |
| Expenditures | \$0 | Indeterminable | Indeterminable | Indeterminable |

METHODOLOGY:

This bill exempts temporary impacts and small impervious surface impacts projects from local overlay districts and permits for construction, excavation, or filling near wetlands. The Department of Environmental Services states this bill would not affect the permit requirements or the fees required by the State for wetlands impacts. The bill also would not affect the permit requirements, nor the fees to which State agencies would be subject. Therefore, there would be no impact on state revenue or expenditures. The same is true for County revenues and expenditures. There is no way to predict the number of proposed projects that might occur in each individual municipality that would be exempted from local permitting requirements. There may be an impact on local revenues or expenditures however, there is no way to determine such impact.

It is assumed that any fiscal impact would occur after FY 2023.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Department of Environmental Services

Legislative Update January 31, 2023.

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New Hampshire Association
of Conservation Commissions

Action Alert

NHACC needs your help protecting wetlands

House Bill 592 Relative to buffers around wetlands

This bill exempts temporary impacts and small impervious surface impact projects from local overlay districts and permits for construction, excavation, or filling near wetlands. NHACC is strongly opposed to HB592 because this bill is misleading, unclear and limits municipal rights. Local regulations reflect the interests of the community and a strategy to protect health and safety. **The state should NOT be limiting a municipalities ability to protect the health and safety of its citizens.**

If this bill passes, local land use overlay district would only apply to permanent, impervious impacts > 3,000 within 50 feet of a wetland. NHACC knows that local land regulation is important to our members and the state should NOT be limiting what municipalities can regulate regarding wetlands protection. Please contact your legislator either by writing a letter or making a call, or writing testimony for the public hearing. Ask them to vote inexpedient to legislate on HB592.

The NH House and Senate now has a remote sign in option to make it easy to for you.

Go to the [House remote sign in](#)

You can review the the [NHACC letter of opposition](#) as an example.

1. To sign in to oppose HB592 go to the link above and then select the date of the hearing, **Feb. 1 at 2:30 pm**
2. Then select the House Resources, Recreation and Development Committee.
3. Finally, you will need to select the bill number from the pull-down menu. You can then type in your testimony or attach a letter.

If you have written testimony you can also send it directly to the committee at:

HouseResourcesRecreationandDevelopment@leg.state.nh.us

or the Chair Andrew Renzullo

andrew.renzullo@leg.state.nh.us

Remember!

As individuals or as a commission, you can write letters to your state legislators. If you are writing or providing testimony as a commission, make sure you have discussed the issue in a commission meeting and voted to respond as a commission. Document in the meeting minutes the approved response and who will be designated to speak, or write on behalf of the commission.

Elected officials need to hear from constituents to learn more about issues and concerns. It is important to choose a topic that you are familiar with and that you are concerned or excited about. You can email comments and testimony directly to your Senators or State Reps on the General Court

Website: <http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/>

Look for the links to contact a representative and contact a senator.

Expenditure Report - Including Carry Forward Activity
Conservation Committee
Town of Hudson, NH
As Of: January 2023, GL Year 2023

| 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 | 2,300.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2,300.00 | 0.00 | 131.00 | 640.00 | 1,529.00 | 33.522 |
| | Conserv Comm, Sm. Equipment Mtce | | | | | | | | |
| | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 29.10 | 0.00 | -29.10 | 0.000 |
| | Conserv Comm, Notices, News Ads | | | | | | | | |
| 06-4619-5586-214-000 | 1,327.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,327.00 | 0.00 | 1,050.00 | 0.00 | 277.00 | 79.126 |
| | Conserv Comm, Assoc Dues/Fees | | | | | | | | |
| 06-4619-5586-217-000 | 500.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 500.00 | 0.00 | 180.00 | 0.00 | 320.00 | 36.000 |
| | Conserv Comm, Registration Fees | | | | | | | | |
| 06-4619-5586-235-000 | 48,626.00 | 39,155.00 | -12,700.00 | 75,081.00 | 0.00 | 24,480.20 | 29,411.00 | 21,189.80 | 71.777 |
| | Conserv Comm, Prof Services | | | | | | | | |
| Total Conservation Fund | | | | | | | | | |
| Selected Year | 52,753.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 52,753.00 | 0.00 | 2,826.30 | 26,640.00 | 23,286.70 | 55.857 |
| Prior Year | 0.00 | 39,155.00 | -12,700.00 | 26,455.00 | 0.00 | 23,044.00 | 3,411.00 | 0.00 | 100.000 |
| Sort Total | 52,753.00 | 39,155.00 | -12,700.00 | 79,208.00 | 0.00 | 25,870.30 | 30,051.00 | 23,286.70 | 70.601 |

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| Account Number | Budget | | Prior Year | | Budget & PY | | Net Budget | MTD Exp | YTD Exp | Encumbered | Balance | |
|----------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|--------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|---------|--|
| | Budget | Encumbered | Encumbered | Adjusted | Available | % Used | | | | | | |
| Selected Year | 52,753.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 52,753.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2,826.30 | 26,640.00 | 23,286.70 | 55.857 | |
| Prior Year | 0.00 | 39,155.00 | -12,700.00 | 26,455.00 | 26,455.00 | 0.00 | 23,044.00 | 3,411.00 | 0.00 | 100.000 | | |
| Grand Total | 52,753.00 | 39,155.00 | -12,700.00 | 79,208.00 | 79,208.00 | 0.00 | 25,870.30 | 30,051.00 | 23,286.70 | 70.601 | | |

**Town of Hudson, NH
Conservation Cash Flow
Fiscal Year 2023**

| | <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. | 749,266.97 | 749,737.67 | 750,390.25 | 751,037.85 | 751,973.46 | 753,126.14 | 754,520.56 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Income | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Deposits | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Interest | 470.70 | 652.58 | 647.60 | 935.61 | 1,152.68 | 1,394.42 | 1,609.09 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total Income | 470.70 | 652.58 | 647.60 | 935.61 | 1,152.68 | 1,394.42 | 1,609.09 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Expenditures | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Expenditures | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Bank Charges | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total Expend. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Ending Balance | 749,737.67 | 750,390.25 | 751,037.85 | 751,973.46 | 753,126.14 | 754,520.56 | 756,129.65 | | | | | |



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DATE: January 9, 2023

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

William Collins
Chairman X

Ken Dickinson
Vice-Chair X

Carl Murphy
Member X

Brian Pinsonneault
Member X

Sandra Rumbaugh
Member X

Linda Krisciunas
Alternate X

Open Seat
Alternate

David Morin
Selectman Rep E

Elvis Dhima
Town Rep X



CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON AT 07:01 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 69 Burns Hill Road Map#217, Lot#36 Pool and Shed in Wetland Setback

Mrs. Rumbuagh move to forward recommendations I through 5 below to the Planning Board for their consideration as Conditions of Approval for the Conditional Use Permit application submitted by Tammy and John Eaton, 69 Burns Hill Road, Hudson.

- 1) The applicant shall cease filling in the edge of the delineated wetland area and allow 2 feet of wetland buffer located along the delineated wetland area to re-naturalize.
- 2) Earthen materials excavated for the installation of the pool shall not be used as fill along the wetland boundary.
- 3) The conservation commission recommends that a shallow dry well or swale area be constructed near the pool so that the chemically treated pool water can be drained and allowed to percolate into the ground which will prevent direct run off into the wetlands.
- 4) This motion is based on the plan(s) submitted by the applicant. It is recommended that if additional impacts are required the plan be returned to the Conservation Commission for further review.
- 5) The new 8' x 20' shed shall be placed parallel to the delineated wetland at a distance of 12' from the same.

Motion Second Mr. Dickinson

Motion carried 5/0/0

b. HCC Logo Contest Winner

Ms. Alexa Porembski, was chosen as the winner of the HCC Logo Contest held during the last quarter of 2022. As winner she will receive a \$25.00 Smith's Farm gift certificate and 4 passes to Lost River Gorge and Boulder Cave located in North Wood Stock New Hampshire.

c. Brox Industry Operation Expansion and Land Donation

Bruce Gilday, CWS from BAG Environmental Consulting. Eric Stevenson Vice President of Real-estate, Brox Industries, Scott Riley, Plant Manager Brox Industries.

The purpose of tonight's presentation was to see if the commission member would find a land donation and monetary donation acceptable as a partial form of mitigation for a dredge and fill operation on their property. The state permit for this project is currently being filled out and will be presented for review in March.

Mr. Dickinson moved to recommend that the Board of Selectmen accept the 6 acres of combined wetland and upland property as proposed by representatives of Brox Industries as a as a form of mitigation for a wetland dredge and fill permit being proposed. Furthermore the HCC recommend that the Board of Selectmen accept a monetary donation proposed by Brox Industries to be used for improvements to the Merrill Park River Access. Motion seconded Mr. Pinsonneault. Motion carried 4/1/0. Mrs. Rumbaugh voted against the motion stating that the decision might be premature and that there was time to evaluate the project further.

II. New Business

a. 2023 Tool Purchase

Mr. Murphy provided details and pricing to commission members that he received for additional trail maintenance. After a short discussion members opted to purchase one back pack leaf blower and one string trimmer attachment to bolster their existing tools. Mrs. Rumbaugh moved to spend up to \$640.00 from the Small Equipment Maintenance fund for the purchase of one backpack leaf blower and one string trimmer attachment from Fisette Small Engine of Hudson. Motion seconded by Mr. Pinsonneault. Motion Carried 5/0/0

b. Rangers Town Forest- Tree Harvest Estimate

Mrs. RumBaugh provide a contract from Full Forestry Forest LLC that would need to be agreed to if a timber harvest at Rangers Town Forest is to take place . The contract provides details on various aspects of the project such as fees, access and oversite. Prior to any agreement with Full Circle Forestry Mrs. Rumbaugh will reach out to get an estimate for construction of the landing area and Mr. Dhima said he would have the town's legal representative review the contract.

III. Other Business

a. Trail work day

The conservation commission will hold a trail work day at Rangers Town Forest this Saturday January 14, 2023 from 10:00p.m. Until 12:00p.m. Meeting at Rangers Drive. The public is welcome to attend.

b. Election of Officers– 2023

Mrs. Rumbaugh nominated William Collins for the position of Chairman. No other nominations were put forth. Mrs. Rumbaugh moved to close the nomination process and elect William Collins to the Chairman position, motion second Mr. Pinsonneault. Motion carried 5/0/0

Mr. Collins nominated Carl Murphy for the position of Vice-Chairman. No other nominations were put forth. Mr. Collins moved to close the nomination process and elect Carl Murphy to the Vice-Chairman position, motion second Mr. Pinsonneault. Motion carried 5/0/0

Mr. Collins nominated Ken Dickinson for the position of Secretary/Clerk. No other nominations were put forth. Mr. Collins moved to close the nomination process and elect Ken Dickinson to the Secretary/Clerk position, motion second Mr. Rumbaugh. Motion carried 5/0/0

IV. Financial Status

No Outstanding issues, conservation fund is currently \$753,126.14 (November 2022 Balance.)

V. Correspondence

The Chairman reviewed the correspondence which included the following.

An email from Liz McKinly Community Forester, NH Division of Forests and Lands which stated that the group is looking for one community volunteer to take an Urban Tree Survey. The survey data will be used to help cities and towns with urban tree management. Mr. Dickinson volunteered to take the survey on behalf of the town.

An email from Captain Cayot of the Hudson Police Department inquiring about restitution for some vandalism that took place at the Hudson Town Forest.

Information pertaining to the Municipal Boat Launch Investment Program. This program offers cities and towns and opportunity to apply for grant funding that is available for existing boat launch repairs

An email from NHDES stating the Grant Award for this year's Exotic Species Control program. The town of Hudson will receive a match of 50% for 2023.

VI. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Pinsonneault moved to approve the meeting minutes for December 12, 2022, and December 17, 2022 (amended). Mr. Murphy seconded the motion. Motion Carried 5/0/0

VII. Commissioner's Comments

Mrs. Krisciunas asked if the culvert project under Lowell Road would qualify for the ARM funding discussed earlier in the evening. Town Engineer Dhima replied that it would not but

that an alternate source of federal funding would be used for repairs to existing structures.

Mrs. Rumbaugh presented three potential projects for future consideration. They included weed control at Musquash, weed control in the western portion of Robinson Pond and Phragmites control along Rte 111 near Benson Park

Mr. Dickinson mentioned that there was trail clearing work to complete at the various managed properties due to recent storms. Mr. Dickinson also mentioned that there was significant beaver activity along the northern end of Musquash Road. Mr. Collins asked Mr. Dickinson to generate a list of items that need to be addressed on the Hudson trail systems and present it for consideration at the February meeting.

Mr. Collins urged commission members to visit the NHDES website and read bit about mitigation and to visit the NHACC website and listen to the pod cast about the RSA91 the "Right to Know Laws"

Motion to adjourn:

Mr. Murphy moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:33 PM; seconded by Mr. Pinsonneault

Motion Carried 5-0-0

William Collins

William Collins, HCC Chairman



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DATE: January 14, 2022

FIELD WORK DAY (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. 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.).

Start: 10:00 A.M.

End: 12:45 P.M.

Attendance: Bill Collins, Carl Murphy, Sandra Rumbaugh and Ken Dickinson.

Summary:

The purpose of the work day was to remove trash and large bulky items from Rangers Town Forest. Several tires, car parts, TV parts, PVC piping and many other items were stacked into a pile along Rangers Drive and Barretts Hill Road for DPW staff to properly dispose. This removal was performed in effort to prepare for a future timber harvest. A group photo was taken in effort to document the amount of trash removed.

No decision or motions were made during this field work day.

Ken Dickinson
