

TOWN OF HUDSON

Conservation Commission



William Collins, Chairman

David Morin, Selectmen Liaison

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA March 13, 2023

The Town of Hudson Conservation Commission will hold its next meeting on **March 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 - Edited
- b. Rangers Town Forest Tree Harvest update
- c. Abutting Land Owner Access Form

II. New Business:

- a. Signs indicating cleanup underway – types and costs
- b. Additional Duck Box Purchases
- c. Musquash ATV Access Point

III. Other Business:

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

IV. Financial Status:

Current Report

V. **Correspondence**

NH Lakes

NH Lake Host Program

NHACC Legislative Update February 2023

Community Garden Update

VI. **Approval of Minutes:**

Meeting minutes February 13, 2023

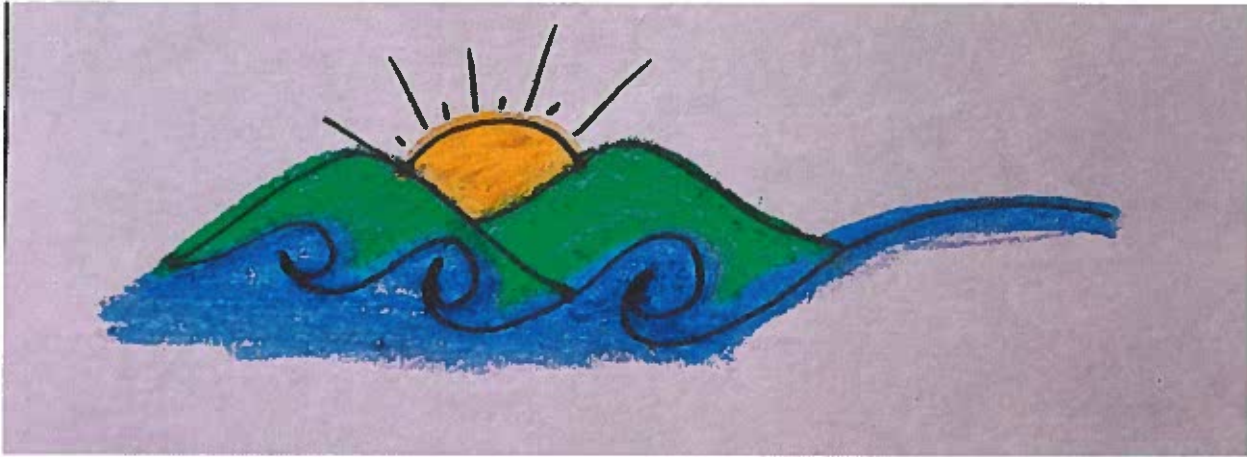
VII. **Commissioner's Comments:**

Next Regular Meeting: Monday, April 10, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

William Collins

William Collins, Chairman

Original hand drawn logo submitted by Alexa Porembski



New Logo to be used moving forward...



OR...



Sounds good Bill. Let me know if you need any assistance from our office.

Steve

From: Bill Collins <bcoll66956@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 3:04 PM
To: Malizia, Steve <smalizia@hudsonnh.gov>
Cc: Morin, Dave <D620908@comcast.net>; Dhima, Elvis <edhima@hudsonnh.gov>
Subject: Re: Timber Harvesting

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Thanks for having this clarified Steve. We will move forward by contacting our Forester and get all notices out in a timely fashion. Our intent is to post signs at various location on the property and to send out direct abutter notifications to keep our neighbors informed. The intended harvest would take place late spring or early summer.

Thanks,
Bill

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 14, 2023, at 1:48 PM, Malizia, Steve <smalizia@hudsonnh.gov> wrote:

Gents,

After conferring with Attorney Lefevre (see the email string below) it appears that the correct process for the Conservation Commission to conduct a timber harvest at the Rangers Drive Forest would be to have the company conducting the cutting/harvesting fill out the Notice of Intent with Assessing. After the work is complete, the report of the cutting/harvest would be completed and Assessing would calculate the yield tax due. That bill would then be placed on the Board of Selectmen's agenda with a request for a waiver of the tax, which the Selectmen could grant. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Steve

From: David LeFevre <dlefevre@tarbellbrodich.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 11:52 AM
To: Malizia, Steve <smalizia@hudsonnh.gov>
Subject: RE: Timber Harvesting

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Honestly, I'm not entirely sure, but it makes more sense to waive it after the cutting is complete. The statute isn't entirely clear, but I would treat it procedurally like filing for an abatement.

From: Malizia, Steve <smalizia@hudsonnh.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 11:47 AM
To: David LeFevre <dlefevre@tarbellbrodich.com>
Subject: RE: Timber Harvesting

Dave,

So the company doing the cutting has to file a Notice of Intent and the Town can waive the tax. I'm assuming the Board of Selectmen would have to vote to waive the yield tax. Correct? Timing wise, should they do that after the Notice of Intent is filed and the cutting has been completed (and the report filed out) or can they do it prospectively after the Notice has been filed but before the cutting begins?

Thanks,

Steve

From: David LeFevre <dlefevre@tarbellbrodich.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 11:41 AM
To: Malizia, Steve <smalizia@hudsonnh.gov>
Subject: RE: Timber Harvesting

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Steve, I think conceptually the company doing the cutting has to file a Notice of Intent, but the Town can then waive the tax.

Per RSA79:3-b "When timber harvesting is conducted on land owned by, and located in, a municipality, the municipality may waive the yield tax, but shall report the location, species, and volume of wood and timber cut to the commissioner of revenue administration, who shall send one copy of the report to the division of forests and lands of the department of natural and cultural resources."

I also think that is what the agreement with the conservation commission says, i.e. the contactor will file a Notice of Intent.

From: Malizia, Steve <smalizia@hudsonnh.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 11:18 AM

To: David LeFevre <dlefevre@tarbellbrodich.com>

Subject: Timber Harvesting

Dave,

Just want to confirm something. The Conservation Commission wants to conduct a timber harvesting at the Rangers Drive Town Forest. The way I read RSA 79:1 II(b) (3) it appears that the Town is not required to file an intent to cut or subject to the tax imposed by this chapter. I'm interpreting this to mean that the Conservation Commission does not need to file an intent to cut nor pay any timber tax on what is harvested. Am I interpreting the statute correctly?

Thanks,

Steve

Date: February 27, 2023

Dear Hudson Resident

After the town voted in 2019 to purchase and designate the land at the end of Ranger's Road as a town forest, the Hudson Conservation Commission contracted with Full Circle Forestry LLC to complete a 10-year Town Forest Management Plan. One of the recommendations to improve the current use of the forest was to selectively cut some trees, allowing greater access to light on adjacent healthy trees.

As an abutter to the property, the purpose of this letter is to inform you that the Town of Hudson Conservation Commission will be hiring a contractor to begin timber harvesting for Ranger's Drive Town Forest.

This work will be performed by Full Circle Forestry LLC and work is anticipated to begin sometime this spring.

If you have any questions or concerns and would like to meet with me for additional information, please feel free to call me at 603-886-6008.

Also, the complete current Forest Management Plan for the Rangers Road Town Forest is available in Town Hall and online:

https://www.hudsonnh.gov/sites/default/files/fileattachments/conservation_commission/page/49441/rangers_town_forest_management_plan_draft_2021.pdf.

Sincerely,

Bill Collins
Chairman, Hudson Conservation Commission



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Date

To : Abbuter

Dear X,

To Whom It Might Concern:

This letter is to inform you that the Town of Hudson Conservation Commission will be hiring a contractor to begin the timber harvesting for Ranger's Drive Town Forest.

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If you have any questions or concerns and would like to meet with me for additional information, please feel free to call me at 603-886-6008.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Hudson, NH Conservation Commission

Rangers Town Forest Abutter Contact Information

<u>Title</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Address1</u>	<u>Address2</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Zip</u>
	Current Resident		15 Barretts Hill Rd.		Hudson	NH	03051
	Leigh-La Realty, LLC		19 Barretts Hill Rd.		Hudson	NH	03051
Mr. & Mrs.	David & Judith	Silva	70 Barretts Hill Rd.		Hudson	NH	03051
Mr. & Mrs.	Kevin & Tanya	Mello	23 Roy Dr.		Hudson	NH	03051
Mr.	Mark	Yiattras	28 Roy Dr.		Hudson	NH	03051
Mr. & Mrs.	Gregory & Lisa	Shah	26 Roy Dr.		Hudson	NH	03051
Mr. & Mrs.	Brian & Deborah	McKinley	24 Roy Dr.		Hudson	NH	03051
Mr. & Mrs.	Normand & Joanne	Pelletier	67 Rangers Dr.		Hudson	NH	03051
Mr.	Charles	Wolfe	68 Rangers Dr.		Hudson	NH	03051
	Current Resident		66 Rangers Dr.		Hudson	NH	03051
Mr. & Mrs.	Michael & Natalie	Yuoska	65 Rangers Dr.		Hudson	NH	03051
Mr. & Mrs.	Anthony & Sheree	Defeo	64 Rangers Dr.		Hudson	NH	03051
Mr. & Mrs.	Theodore & Krista	Trost	63 Rangers Dr.		Hudson	NH	03051
Ms.	Janet	Arshalian	62 Rangers Dr.		Hudson	NH	03051
Mr.	Nathan	Erickson	61 Rangers Dr.		Hudson	NH	03051
Ms.	Denise	Nadeau	60 Rangers Dr.		Hudson	NH	03051
Mr. & Mrs.	Craig & Debra	Putnam	59 Rangers Dr.		Hudson	NH	03051
Mr. & Mrs.	Ethan & Kaitlin	Dionne	58 Rangers Dr.		Hudson	NH	03051
Ms.	Jessica	Sherman	57 Rangers Dr.		Hudson	NH	03051
Mr.	Shawn	Wholey	56 Rangers Dr.		Hudson	NH	03051
Mr. & Mrs.	Michael & Gail	Glenn	54 Rangers Dr.		Hudson	NH	03051
Mr. & Mrs.	Ernest & Alice	Davis	52 Rangers Dr.		Hudson	NH	03051
Mr. & Mrs.	Glen & Ann-Lee	Thibeault	50 Rangers Dr.		Hudson	NH	03051
Ms.	Caroline	Baglio	48 Rangers Dr.		Hudson	NH	03051
Mr. & Mrs.	James & Penny	Oliver	45 Rangers Dr.		Hudson	NH	03051
Ms.	Janet	Denis	46 Rangers Dr.		Hudson	NH	03051
Mr.	Bradley	Parent	43 Rangers Dr.		Hudson	NH	03051
Mr. & Mrs.	Douglas & Jenifer	Kraus	4 Lois Dr.		Hudson	NH	03051
Mr.	Angel	Galvis	28 Windham Rd.		Hudson	NH	03051
Ms.	Jacqueline	Beza	275 Seven Island Rd.		Pittsboro	NC	27312
happy to do the full list. President of the HOA for those homes is:			webmaster@barrethill.org				
VINCENT SERVELLO 335 Fox Run Rd. Hudson, NH 03051							

Hudson

Conservation

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More good work being done by the Hudson Conservation Commission and volunteers by protecting and maintaining town conserved land and town forests for your enjoyment.

For more information please call _____ or visit _____

Bill,

Attached is an invoice (quote) from the gentleman we bought the two wood duck boxes from. This is an all-inclusive price for 10 boxes like the ones received. This is about half of the cost by going through him directly as opposed to Ebay. The ebay price for 10 boxes is \$1555.80 (including shipping). If you could place this on the Agenda for March, I'd appreciate it.

Respectfully,
Brian

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Gregg's Wood Duck Boxes** <service@paypal.com>
Date: Tue, Feb 14, 2023 at 11:22 AM
Subject: Invoice from Gregg's Wood Duck Boxes (Thanks 2176)
To: Brian Pinsonneault <tyeafly@gmail.com>

Hello, tyeafly@gmail.com



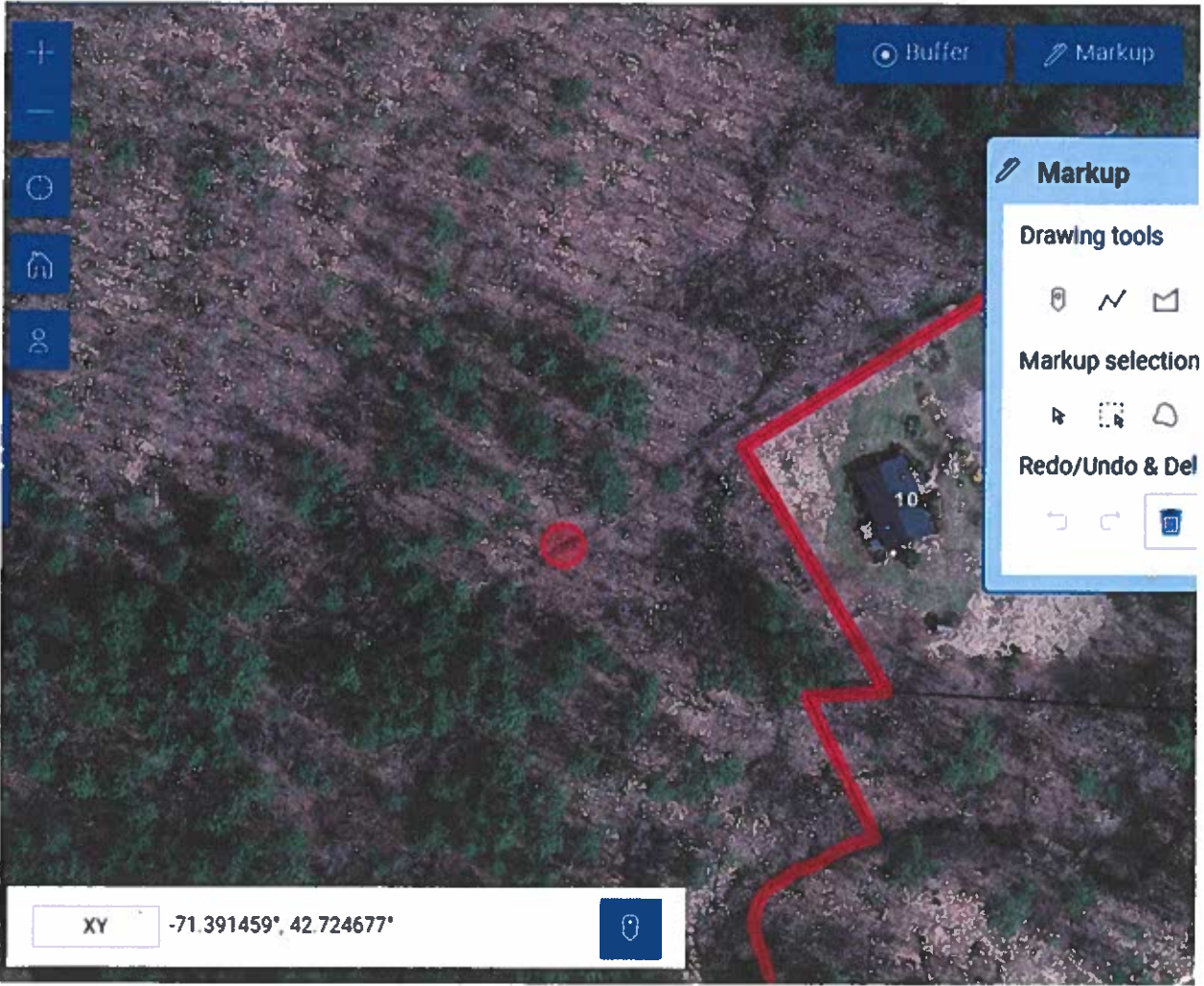
Here's your invoice

Gregg's Wood Duck Boxes sent you an invoice for
\$780.00 USD

[View and Pay Invoice](#)

Buy now. Pay over time.

Simply select PayPal Credit at checkout and enjoy No Interest if paid in full in 6 months.
Subject to credit approval. See terms. US customers only.



Buffer

Markup

Markup

Drawing tools



Markup selection



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Hudson CC - 2023 Trail Work Log / Project Inventory

<u>Log Date:</u>	<u>Property:</u>	<u>Task:</u>	<u>Status:</u>
January			
1/15/2023	Kimball	Remove large Tree across Ravine Trail near bottom	
1/15/2023	Kimball	Remove tires and other junk from new parcel	evaluate
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	spring
1/15/2023	Colburn	Clear multiple trees away from both trails	
1/28/2023	Musquash	cut tree on Nash Trail (after bottom of Turkey Trot)	
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
February			
2/12/2023	Musquash	cut tree on Turkey Trot Trail (near top of trail)	
2/12/2023	Musquash	cut tree on Nash Trail (after top of Turkey Trot)	
2/12/2023	Musquash	cut trees on Nash Trail (near Woodland Dr.)	

Expenditure Report - Including Carry Forward Activity
Conservation Committee
 Town of Hudson, NH
 As Of: February 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	Conserv Comm, Sm. Equipment Mitce 2,300.00	0.00	0.00	2,300.00	661.94	792.94	0.00	1,507.06	34.476
06-4619-5586-214-000	Conserv Comm, Notices, News Ads 0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	29.10	0.00	-29.10	0.000
06-4619-5586-217-000	Conserv Comm, Assoc Dues/Fees 1,327.00	0.00	0.00	1,327.00	0.00	1,050.00	0.00	277.00	79.126
06-4619-5586-235-000	Conserv Comm, Registration Fees 500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	180.00	0.00	320.00	36.000
06-4619-5586-252-000	Conserv Comm, Prof Services 48,626.00	39,155.00	-12,700.00	75,081.00	0.00	24,480.20	40,211.00	10,389.80	86.162
Total Conservation Fund									
Selected Year	52,753.00	0.00	0.00	52,753.00	661.94	3,488.24	36,800.00	12,464.76	76.371
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	661.94	26,532.24	40,211.00	12,464.76	84.263

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Prior Year	0.00	39,155.00	-12,700.00	0.00	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	-12,700.00	79,208.00	661.94	26,532.24	40,211.00	12,464.76	84.263		

**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	756,129.65	-	-	-	-
Income												
Deposits	-	652.58	647.60	935.61	1,152.68	1,394.42	1,609.09	1,484.91	-	-	-	-
Interest	470.70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Income	470.70	652.58	647.60	935.61	1,152.68	1,394.42	1,609.09	1,484.91	-	-	-	-
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	757,614.56	-	-	-	-



Dear Bill,

Don't wait for aquatic invasive species to surprise you this spring! With the thaw quickly approaching, now is the time to take action and submit your **Lake Host Payroll Award Application**.

Completing the application is easier than ever before! Take a moment to view your pre-approved award amount, and then use the unique link below to submit your application before Monday, March 27, 2023.

New Hampshire's lakes are lucky to have a dedicated team at the Town of Hudson Conservation Commission to protect the lakes we all love from the spread of harmful invasive plants and animals again this year!

Sincerely,
Kat Kelleher
Conservation Program Assistant
kkelleher@nhlakes.org



What's New This Season?

There are a few important items to note this season:

- There will be no limit on the number of complementary uniforms available to your group. Please take as many as your Lake Hosts need but be sure to leave enough for everyone else!
- Generate your own invoices using the [Lake Host Invoice Generator Tool](#) for your association or municipality's pledged local funds.
- Less paperwork! We got rid of the "Local Coordinator Agreement".
- **Live online trainings are back!** There will be one session for Local Coordinators and one session for Lake Hosts, plus recorded trainings will be available. Stay tuned for specific training dates.



Your Application Details

Congratulations, the Town of Hudson Conservation Commission is pre-approved for a 2023 Payroll Award of \$. We are excited to work with you again this season!

Your award eligibility is based on your program's accomplishments from last season:

- Number of inspections:
- Local match: %
- Number of active ramps: 1

Deadlines:

- Applications will be accepted until **Monday, March 27, 2023.**
- You will be notified of your acceptance on or before **Friday, April 14, 2023.**

Submit your pre-filled application [by clicking here.](#)

Questions? Please email Kat Kelleher, NH LAKES Conservation Program Assistant, at lakehost@nhlakes.org or call 603.226.0299.



Start Fundraising Today!

Have you been looking for a way to increase support for the Lake Host Program in your area?

Encourage your friends and neighbors to make a tax-deductible contribution to pay your Lake Hosts! They can donate to your lake's payroll account directly at nhlakes.org/lhcg.

Need some talking points? Check out "[Talking Points - Securing Local Funding For Your Lake Host Program](#)".



Stay connected with NH LAKES



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You are receiving this email as a representative of your local group in the Lake Host Program.

Our mailing address is:

NH LAKES

17 Chenell Dr Ste 1

Concord, NH 03301-8539

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Legislative Update February 28, 2023.

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New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions

Action Alert

NHACC supports state certification for Wetlands Scientist

NHACC has reviewed the Governor's Proposed Licensure and Regulatory Reform that would eliminate more than 30 professional licenses and certifications in NH, including Forester, Soil Scientist and Certified Wetlands Scientist. We believe that requiring professional standards for these occupations is essential to protecting NH consumers and our most critical natural areas. Repealing the standards for professional scientists would be detrimental to land use boards striving to use current data and accurate information in the decision-making process. We will be sending letters to Governor Sununu, the House Finance Committee and the House Executive Departments and Administration.

Points made from the proposal come from language in HB655.

HB655 This bill redefines the roles and responsibility of the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification (OPLC). The bill consolidates administrative rules as advised by the boards and commissions and repeals redundant provision in the law and would eliminate licenses which OPLC believes can be handled by a national or professional mechanism to replace state licensure. HB655 was recently discussed in the House Executive Departments & Administration (ED&A) committee work session to review options for repealing licenses and certifications in NH.

While removing redundant laws sounds reasonable, it is important to note that most membership organizations rely on dues for their income so there is an obvious conflict of interest for impartial certification standards. State wetlands certification is much more rigorous than professional association standards and requires knowledge of state rules and regulations. In the case of Certified Wetlands Scientist, the national organization has a certification program but it does not deal with state regulations or any regional information. Knowledge of NH law is critical to completing accurate wetlands permit applications and without sufficient understanding of DES Wetlands Rules, they will not be able to professionally advise their clients.

Another one of the arguments for repealing licenses was based on the lack of complaints received by the approval board. This logic assumes that if they don't hear about any bad actors that the profession does not need to worry about fraud. Typically, the lack of complaints shows that the process is working to regulate the activity and that the program is helpful for our citizens. If things are working you don't get as many complaints. The ED&A committee did voice concerns about regulating negligence and incompetence and asked how the proposed bill language would ensure NH consumers are protected.

Another point was made to help make it easier to enter the workforce in NH by removing burden and barriers for professions. The idea of relaxing professional standards to help increase the work force does not consider public and consumer protection or safety.

Next Steps

NHACC sent a [letter to the Governor](#), the House ED&A committee and the House Finance committee. The budget (HB2) should be ready by the end of this week and we will keep you posted on the language that gets inserted into HB2. The ED&A committee believes it would be ok move the administration of licenses to OPLC as a proposal in HB2 as long as certification standards remain in the language.

The ED&A Committee will research questions about certifications and some committee members believe these issues should be dealt with separately in HB655. HB655 has to be out of committee by Mid-March so they don't have much time to find answers.

We encourage you to contact your district representatives, members of the House Executive Departments of Administration and NH Finance Committee and send comments directly to the Governor with your questions and concerns. See links below for contacts

[House Executive Departments of Administration Committee](#)

[House Finance Committee](#)

[Governors Office](#)

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.

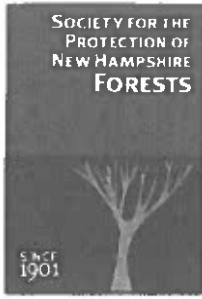
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February 10, 2023

Hudson Conservation Commission
Town Engineer
12 School St.
Hudson, NH 03051

Dear Friends,

Your organization's annual membership in the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests is coming up for renewal. We are grateful for your continued support.

Forest conservation is as important now as it ever has been, and this past year we've completed several key land protection and stewardship projects across the state. These projects hold strategic conservation and economic value for water quality, forestry, outdoor recreation, and wildlife habitat. **With your support, the Forest Society's recently...**

- Protected two properties totaling 482 acres adjacent to the Forest Society's 457-acre Evelyn H. & Albert D. Morse, Sr. Preserve in Alton, enlarging the Morse Preserve and creating a connected corridor of conservation land encompassing 1,250 acres at the southern end of the Belknap Mountains.
- Conserved the 273-acre Ammonoosuc River Forest in Bethlehem – with 1.8 miles along one of the state's iconic rivers. This spectacular property abuts the White Mountain National Forest, and features an important cold-water fishery, scenic views, and outstanding opportunities for additional recreational pursuits.
- Expanded the 1,090-acre Michael M. and Claudia Yatsevitch Forest in Plainfield and Cornish with a 164-acre addition including 700 feet of scenic frontage on Blow-me-down Brook, bringing this Upper Valley gem to more than 1,200 acres conserved.
- Improved three trails on Mount Monadnock to advance a 5-year trail stewardship plan, thanks to 42 volunteers who contributed a collective 550 hours of time and muscle during our 16th annual Monadnock Trails Week.

Our land protection work continues across New Hampshire, along with our commitment to the long-term stewardship of the lands we protect, and advocacy efforts that focus on finding effective, balanced solutions to conservation issues.

Please renew today. That way, your membership gift will go right back to work – protecting New Hampshire's most beautiful and threatened lands for all to enjoy.

Sincerely,

Jack Savage
President



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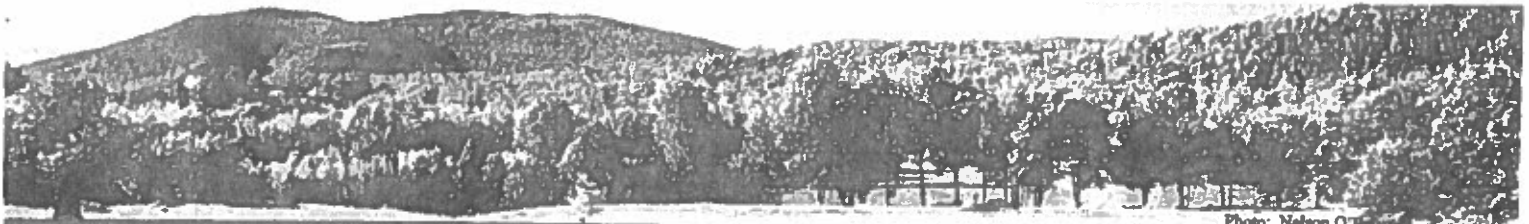


Photo: Nelson O'Neil

YES! We would like to help the Forest Society conserve New Hampshire's landscapes.

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Hudson Conservation Commission
Town Engineer
12 School St.
Hudson, NH 03051

\$55 \$100 \$250 \$500 \$1,000 Other _____

Check (payable to SPNHF) VISA MasterCard

Or, you can donate online at www.forestsociety.org

Card # _____

Exp _____ Security Code _____

All gifts are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Thank You!

Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests 54 Portsmouth Street, Concord, NH 03301 | www.forestsociety.org





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DATE: February 13, 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

Carl Murphy
Vice-Chair X

Ken Dickinson
Clerk X

Brian Pinsonneault
Member X

Sandra Rumbaugh
Member X

Linda Krisciunas
Alternate E

Open Seat
Alternate

David Morin
Selectman Rep X

Elvis Dhima
Town Rep E

.....
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

a. HCC Logo Contest – Art Work Evaluation

Chairman Collins asked if there were any revisions needed to the selected logo regarding graphic design (color, etc). Mrs. Rumbaugh suggested that the letters “HCC” be added to the bottom, simplify logo graphic if possible, and use only a few basic colors to keep duplication costs at a minimum. Mr. Dickinson suggested that the logo have “Hudson” added to the bottom of the logo and noted that the image should be altered in Adobe Photoshop in effort to add text, clean and sharpen the image, etc. Mr. Dickinson intends to review the image and provide comments to Chairman Collins prior to our next regular meeting. Chairman Collins will present two versions of the image with HCC and Hudson CC at the next meeting (March 13).

b. Rangers Town Forest Tree Harvest

Mrs. Rumbaugh presented email correspondence provided by Eric Radlof, Full Circle Forestry. Landing area, general timing of harvest, abutter notification, and potential deferral of timber tax were discussed. Landing area is typically ¼ acre with a stone apron and is reseeded upon completion of harvesting activities. Landing area costs (approximately \$3,000) are shown as a deduction line item from the timber harvest profit report. Chairman Collins and Mr. Murphy expressed interest in maintaining the landing area as an open field. Harvest could potentially occur in late spring or early summer. Mr. Dickinson noted that timber harvest activities typically occur after mud season as our previous harvest at Kimball Hill Town Forest occurred in early summer due to an extended mud season.

Chairman Collins will communicate this week with Mr. Dhima, Town Engineer, who will prepare a signed work order for Full Circle Forestry if it has not been processed already. Although a minimum of 30 days notification is required, Chairman Collins preferred to notify residents and hikers much earlier with temporary legible signs. Mr. Pinsonneault volunteered to create an Abutters List. Mrs. Rumbaugh volunteered to draft an Abutter Notification Letter. Chairman Collins asked Mr. Murphy to obtain a quotation for five Forestry Notification Signs to be placed at trailhead locations. Email correspondence provided by Jim Michaud, Town Assessor, was discussed regarding Timber Tax deferral. Selectman Morin will add an agenda item to the next available BOS meeting to discuss the possibility of deferring the 10% NH Timber Tax.

c. Abutting Land Owner Access Form = Item Deferred to our next regular meeting in effort to allow for more review of the revised draft.

II. New Business

a. House Bill 592-FN

After a brief summary of the proposed bill, Chairman Collins noted that it failed in the House Review Committee Meeting 2/1/23, therefore no response is necessary. Chairman Collins recommended that all HCC members sign up for future NHACC email notifications.

b. Maintenance Signs

Mr. Murphy to obtain pricing for further discussion at our next regular meeting (March 13).

III. Other Business

a. Trail work day

The conservation commission will hold a trail work day at Kimball Hill Town Forest this Sunday March 12, 2023 from 8 AM – 12 PM. Work emphasis on removing old tires, steel drum and other items from the wetlands and associated wetland buffer area in the recently acquired parcel. Remove tree at bottom of Ravine Trail and potentially work on new connector trail. The public is welcome to attend. Mr. Dickinson may email other members to organize small trail work tasks prior to our next regular meeting (March 13). Chairman Collins thanked all attendees of our previous work day at Rangers Town Forest for their effort in removing a large amount of illegally dumped items from the property. He also recommended that we create temporary signage for future work days. Mr. Dickinson suggested purchasing orange construction cones to mark roadside trash piles. Mr. Murphy suggested to attach temporary signage to “election style” aluminum frames. Chairman Collins tasked Mr. Murphy with obtain quotations for the temporary signage.

b. Trail Work Log

Mr. Dickinson presented the initial 2023 Trail Work Log which was created on January 15 and revised on February 12. This is intended to be a live document which is updated monthly. All members are encouraged to email Mr. Dickinson in effort to track all timber downfall removal and other trail work activities. Mr. Collins noted that several trees were removed from Colburn and Musquash Conservation Areas on January 14. Mr. Dickinson will add several downfalls along the Hamblett-Nash Trail and Monadnock Vista Trail to the list. Mr. Murphy suggested that we add additional signage and/or markings on the Hidden Ridge Trail. Mr. Collins requested that the Trail Work Log be uploaded to the Resource Page on our website. There was a brief discussion regarding future projects and general usage of Merrill Park as well.

IV. Financial Status

No new monthly expenses recorded. Approximately \$11,000 was recently approved by the

BOS for aquatic vegetation removal. Chairman Collins noted that there should be professional service funds available for removing invasive vegetation in upland areas, i.e. Rangers Town Forest. Mr. Dickinson intends to obtain quotes for removing invasive vegetation along trails prior to the next regular meeting. Chairman Collins noted Saving Special Places workshop will be held on April 15. There is some remaining money available for Registration Fee reimbursement.

Conservation Fund = \$756,129.

V. Correspondence

The Chairman reviewed the correspondence which included the following.

A letter from Susan Rouke requesting a future community garden area. Chairman Collins replied to Mrs. Rouke that no specific open area was currently available in Town Conservation Areas, however he encouraged Mrs. Rouke to form an interest group in effort to establish a community garden or partnership possibly on privately owned agricultural land.

2021 NHACC Handbook: Chairman Collins will obtain extra copies for all commission members.

VI. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Dickinson moved to approve the meeting minutes for January 9, 2023, and January 14, 2023. Mr. Pinsonneault seconded the motion. Motion Carried 5/0/0

VII. Commissioner's Comments

Mr. Pinsonneault noted that there is one more duck box to install at Musquash Pond. Selectman Morin requested that another person be present for safety purposes. He will obtain a larger swamp boat to facilitate installation. Chairman Collins inquired about installing a game camera. Mr. Pinsonneault noted that we should monitor the usage of the duck boxes prior to game camera installation.

Mrs. Rumbaugh reminded everyone that it is possible to get a Poison Ivy rash in the winter.

Mr. Dickinson requested that we update the 2012 Open Space Master Plan and encouraged others to occasionally review Conservation Commission minutes from other NH communities in effort to further educate our commission on current topics, activities, etc.

Chairman Collins reminded everyone to review the Natural Resources portion of the revised Town of Hudson, NH Master Plan. Email comments to Brian Groth, Town Planner. The Master Plan revisions will be discussed at the March 3, 2023 Planning Board meeting. Chairman Collins noted that the map on Page 32 should be revised to reflect recently

purchased open space lands.

Selectman Morin requested that we update the Open Space Master Plan simultaneously with the Town of Hudson, NH Master Plan.

Chairman Collins encouraged our commission to pursue land acquisition in the Robinson Pond Watershed Area. He also looks forward to our upcoming trail work efforts.

VIII. Non-Public Session

Mr. Pinsonneault moved to enter into Non-Public Session at 8:00 PM, seconded by Mr. Murphy. Motion Passed.

Mrs. Rumbaugh moved to leave Non-Public Session at 8:19 PM, seconded by Mr. Pinsonneault. Motion Passed.

Mr. Pinsonneault moved to seal the Non-Public Session minutes, seconded by Mr. Murphy. Motion Passed.

IX. Motion to adjourn:

Mr. Pinsonneault moved to adjourn our regular meeting at 8:20 PM; seconded by Mr. Murphy

Motion Carried 5-0-0

Ken Dickinson

Ken Dickinson, Clerk