



# TOWN OF HUDSON

## Conservation Commission



William Collins, Chairman      David Morin, Selectmen Liaison

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### CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA August 14, 2023

The Town of Hudson Conservation Commission will hold its next meeting on **August 14, 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. New Business:**

- a. Public Hearing for Land Purchase –13 Tiger Road., Parcel ID: 143-006-000

**II. Old Business:**

- a. Trail Maps- W. Collins
- b. Rangers Town Forest Tree Harvest- Draft Bid Prospectus
- c. Draft Warrant Discussion– S. Rumbaugh
- d. Weed Control and Trail Improvements- Ken Dickinson

**III. Other Business:**

- a. Possible Eagle Scout Project
- b. Work Day – August?
- c. Duck Box Installation?

**IV. Financial Status:**

Current Report

V. **Correspondence**

VI. **Approval of Minutes:**

- a. Non-Public Meeting Minutes – July 10, 2023
- b. Meeting Minutes – July 10, 2023
- c. Meeting Minutes – June 12, 2023

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, September 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.*

*William Collins*

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William Collins, Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_ moved to spend \$327,750 from the Town of Hudson Conservation Fund to purchase approximately 43.7 acres of land currently owned by the Helen C Stabler, located at 13 Tiger Road. Reference Map 143, Lot 006.

Motion second \_\_\_\_\_

Roll call vote



## Invitation to Bid on Standing Timber

Location: Rangers Drive, Hudson, NH  
Owner's Name: Town of Hudson – Rangers Town Forest 35+/- Harvest Area  
Date of Showing: **Tuesday TBD, 2023**  
Time: 9:00 AM  
Meeting Place: Southwestern end of Rangers Drive, Hudson, NH

**Bids Due No Later Than: Thursday TBD, 2023 @ 5pm**

Terms: A contract will be awarded to the successful bidder upon receipt of 10% of the bid price. The balance is due as harvesting commences on a weekly basis. A performance bond in the amount of \$2,000.00 will be required. Additional terms may also be specified at the showing.

Reservation: We reserve the right to reject any or all bids.

Species	Estimated Harvest Volume (BF)
White Pine	52,000
Hemlock	20,000
Black Oak	16,000
Red Oak	12,000
White Oak	5,000
Hickory	4,000
Scarlet Oak	3,000
Red Maple	2,000
White Ash	1,000
Black/ Yellow Birch	500
White Birch	400
Black Cherry	100
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>116,000</b>
Hardwood Pulp	870 tons
Hemlock Pulp	60 tons
White Pine Pulp	90 tons

Harvest volumes are an estimate from all trees being marked and prior forest inventory with professional judgement. Volumes are not guaranteed.

**Please email or mail your bid to the address shown below**

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## Rangers Town Forest property, Hudson, NH – Terms of the Sale

### General

1. This is a **mill tally sale** requiring the successful bidder to put down 10% of the bid upon signing the contract. The remaining balance will be paid on a weekly basis once work has begun. Mill scale slips will also be provided along with payment on a weekly basis. Trip tickets will be collected by the Forester on a weekly basis.
2. This sale shall be conducted using either conventional, cut-to-length (CTL) system, or whole-tree skidding. Chipping will be allowed.
3. The successful bidder of this timber sale will be the **highest qualified bidder**, so long as the bids reflect the current market value of stumpage as determined by the Forester.
4. A **Contract expiring on 3/15/24** will be given to complete the harvest.
5. The Purchaser will be required to provide Workman's Compensation and Liability Insurance certificates to the Seller or Forester upon request.
6. The Seller is responsible for completing the DES Wetlands minimum impact form as needed.
7. Filing of the Intent to Cut is the responsibility of the Purchaser with the Purchaser listed as the owner of stumpage due to this being a municipal sale.
8. The Purchaser is responsible for paying the Timber Tax.
9. Timber harvesting activity will only be allowed from 7AM-5PM, Monday- Friday. No timber harvesting activity will be allowed during federal holidays.
10. This Contract may not be assigned, transferred, sold or made over to any other party without prior written permission from the Seller or the Forester.
11. The Purchaser will be required to use a Forester approved contactor.

### Access

1. The harvest area is accessible from Rangers Drive, utilizing an old overgrown staging area.
2. The Purchaser is responsible for clearing and upgrading the area as needed to serve as a landing area for this timber harvest. A minimum of 1 load (16 cu.yd. min) of 3" minus is required to act as a stone apron, protecting the roads edge. Additional material may be needed to improve the landing area.
3. The Purchaser is responsible for snow/ice removal including sanding to gain access to the landing.

### Timber Harvest Conditions and Specifications

1. Property lines are partially flagged with **pink** ribbons, extensive harvest buffers exists where flagging is absent.
2. Trees marked with **blue** paint shall be **harvested**. All hemlock, either marked or not marked, shall be harvested.
3. Trees marked with **blue** three dots signify the harvest boundary with no trees being felled beyond these boundaries.
4. Stated volumes include all grades from pallet through veneer.

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5. Existing roads and trails shall be left in a condition equal to their condition prior to the start of the operation with final approval by the Forester.
6. Timber (bridge) mats are required when crossing the gas line right-of-way with no exceptions.
7. No skidding or forwarding will be permitted when the ground is so soft that damage may result. The Purchaser may fell trees in advance of skidding or forwarding under less than ideal conditions.
8. The Purchaser is responsible for closeout measures on the harvesting trails and the landing upon completion of the operation. These measures may include, but are not limited to shaping, smoothing, ditching, waterbarring and constructing water turnouts. The Forester shall specify the work and methods necessary to stabilize soils upon completion of logging. The landing shall be blocked off utilizing large logs or rocks.
9. The Purchaser agrees to comply with all State, local, Federal laws, and New Hampshire BMP's and to maintain, drain and control erosion on all harvesting trails and the forest access road to the satisfaction of the Forester during the operation.
10. No trash will be left on the landing or in the woods; including waste oil during the operation or after the job is complete.
11. Sawlog utilization standards shall be a 10" and up tip diameter for hardwood, 8" and up for white pine and hemlock using the International 1/4-inch scale. This includes for all grades.
12. If purchaser sells hardwood pulp as cordwood/firewood, the conversion of 2.5 tons per cord will be used to figure out the price per cord.

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**BID FORM FOR: Rangers Town Forest**

Species	Estimated Volume (BF)	\$/Thousand Bd. Ft. or Ton	Total \$'s
White Pine	52,000		
Hemlock	20,000		
Black Oak	16,000		
Red Oak	12,000		
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Hickory	4,000		
Scarlet Oak	3,000		
Red Maple	2,000		
White Ash	1,000		
Black/ Yellow Birch	500		
White Birch	400		
Black Cherry	100		
Mat Logs	As produced		--
Pallet/ Tie Logs	As produced		--
Sub-total	116,000		
Hardwood Pulp	870 tons		
Hemlock Pulp	60 tons		
White Pine Pulp	90 tons		

**Total \$'s Bid:** \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Company Bidding: \_\_\_\_\_

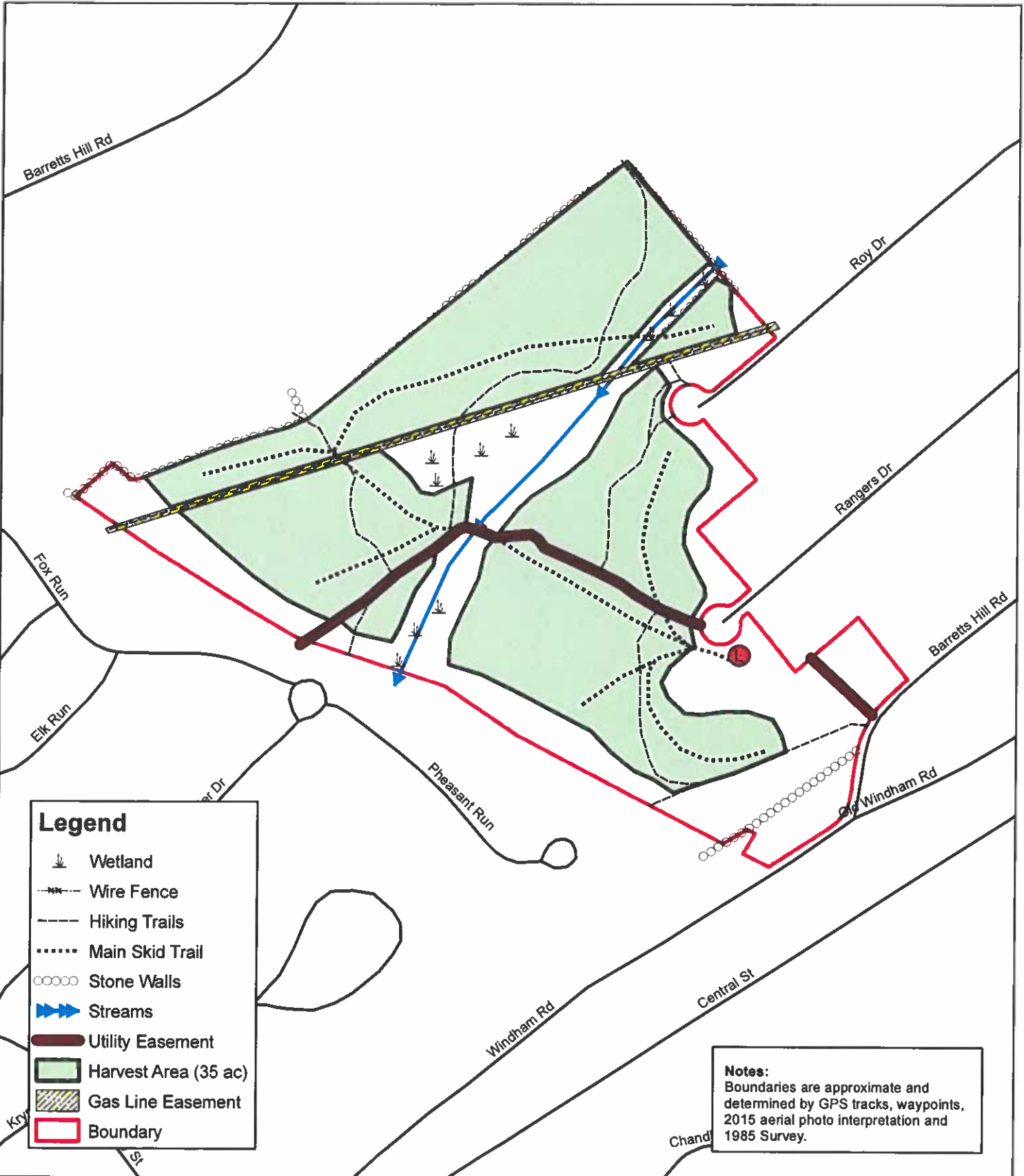
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner or Officer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Bids are due at my office no later than: 5pm Thursday TBD, 2023**  
*Please email of mail your bid to the address below*

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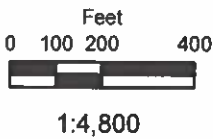


**Legend**

- Wetland
- Wire Fence
- Hiking Trails
- Main Skid Trail
- Stone Walls
- Streams
- Utility Easement
- Harvest Area (35 ac)
- Gas Line Easement
- Boundary

**Notes:**  
 Boundaries are approximate and determined by GPS tracks, waypoints, 2015 aerial photo interpretation and 1985 Survey.

**TIMBER HARVEST MAP**  
**RANGERS TOWN FOREST**  
 Roy and Rangers Drive  
 Hudson, Hillsborough County, NH  
 Map 160/ Lot 48 (56.6 Acres)



**Notes:**  
 Drafted and prepared by: E. Radlof, NHLPF #447  
 GIS mapping by: E. Radlof, NHLPF #447  
 Full Circle Forestry, LLC  
 Date: July 28, 2023





From Sandra Rumbaugh Wetland Protection Changes

I spoke to Brian Groth earlier this week. Any warrant articles to the Planning Board will be crafted by Mr. Groth, therefore, we only need to bring an idea to the Planning Board.

1. We spoke about improving the water quality at Robinson Pond. One way to achieve this goal is to increase the wetland buffers from 50 feet to 75 feet. The pros and cons are:

Pros: Specific Purpose/Area

May get resistance from people if institute a town-wide wetlands buffer change

Cons: Harder to enforce

More complicated

Well developed area, only applies to new developments or someone looking to remodel an existing dwelling

If improving water quality is the issue, how does this address failing specific systems and fertilizers containing phosphates?

Options: A. Increase wetland buffers Robinson Pond Watershed

B. Increase wetland buffers Robinson Pond and Ottarnic Pond Watershed

C. Increase wetland buffers Town-wide

Mr. Groth suggested to look at the ordinances for North Hampton, which are at the high end of protection. The buffer zone requirement for Tidal Lands, Wetlands, and Isolated, Non-Bordering Wetlands is 75 feet. Amherst, NH has a wetlands buffer zone of 75 feet. Hollis has a wetlands buffer zone of 100 feet.

2. Creating an Aquifer Protection District. North Hampton renamed their Aquifer Protection District to Groundwater Protection District Ordinance, with the purpose to better protect drinking water sources. It is my understanding we have public water supply wells from First Brook to Ottarnic Pond to the Merrimack River. The main purpose of the North Hampton Zoning Ordinance was to reduce the impervious surface of roads, rooftops, and parking lots from 60% to 40% to improve infiltration, with exceptions. Residential lots less than 1/2 acre in size, the maximum amount of 25% impervious coverage may increase to 40% with exceptions.

3. At this time, Hudson does not have designated "Prime Wetlands", however there are surface waters and associated wetlands which are sensitive environmental areas that should be given special consideration and protections during the application review. Areas such as: Chase Brook Swamp, Robinson Pond, Glover Brook Marsh, Merrill Brook Swamp, Limit Brook Swamp, Musquash Brook Swamp, Herron Pond Marsh. Hollis, NH has adopted this approach. I am not sure the best way to give recognition to these areas in Town. In the past, a prime wetlands warrant article failed and I suspect it would fail again. Perhaps listing them in the master plan?

4. In my files was a warrant article called "Pond Reclamation Fund". Was this ever on the ballot? Here is the language from my files: "Warrant Article \_\_, to see if the town shall vote to create a capital reserve fund under the provisions of RSA 31:1 to be known as the Pond Reclamation Fund for the purpose of management of invasive species, primarily directed at the milfoil and fanwort problems and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the land use tax and to name the Board of Selectmen as the agents to expend.

Since our fund source of the land use change tax fund is slow and inconsistent, perhaps there is another way to access money.

Good luck and I look forward to hearing what the HCC decides.  
I will leave it to your discretion to forward the contents of this email to the other members of the HCC.

Take care.  
Sandra

From Commission Member Ken Dickinson

I hiked into Musquash again yesterday and noticed that the Meetinghouse Trail has a fair amount of Poison Ivy from the Musquash Pond viewing point over to the north end (at the stone bridge). Honeysuckle vines are also beginning to grow into both the Nash/Hamblett and Meetinghouse Trails. The Whispering Pines Trail is also covered with Poison Ivy along the edges, but it is wider on average than the Meetinghouse Trail.

I intend to reach out to Eric Radlof, Trugreen commercial sales, and possibly another company later this week in effort to obtain initial bids for invasive species treatment. I also have a draft of the June Meeting Minutes and will proof read them later today.

Best, Ken

On 07/08/2023 10:00 AM EDT Ken Dickinson <[kmd12@comcast.net](mailto:kmd12@comcast.net)> wrote:

Bill,

Went to Musquash yesterday evening. The trails were quite mucky in several areas with running water in several channels (almost as wet as early spring). As expected, shrubs/branches have grown into the Colburn trail under the powerlines again. Eversource has been actively doing work this week, but is not performing widespread cutting of the corridor.

Gravel Takeoff:

I made some initial takeoffs for gravel. if we add an average of 6 inches of gravel to the mucky portions of the Nash Trail, and one area on both the Meetinghouse and Colburn Trails, then we will need a minimum of 24 CY (cubic yards). This should cover approx. 300' of trail x 4' width.

This is obviously a multiple day volunteer effort, or at least a day of work for a construction crew with the appropriate equipment.

Invasives:

I also took some initial measurements for the Knotweed stand around the barn foundation. It roughly forms a triangle that is 105' x 70' (3700 SF) at a minimum. I will create a treatment area map for bidding purposes. Poison ivy growth is spotty along Nash/Meetinghouse Trail (lower trail) between the parking area and the northern Musquash Pond viewing area (1st pond overlook). Colburn Trail also has some poison ivy mainly near the parking area.

Best, Ken



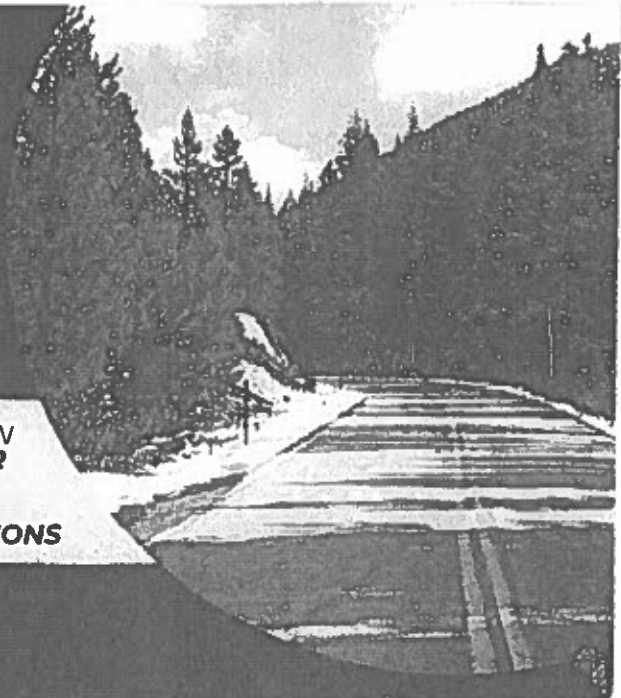
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## Conservation Commission



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**DATE: June 12, 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.).

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

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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. New Business

a. none

## **II. Old Business**

### **a. Trail Map Review:**

Chairman Collins presented various trail maps that NRPC prepared for comment. Maps were submitted today by Ryan Friedman and included three revised maps and several new maps. In general, the maps remained a work-in-progress as there were some graphically readability issues and corrections that were noted. After discussing each map, Mr. Collins asked all members to provide comments via email by June 22. Mr. Collins will forward all corrections and comments to Mr. Friedman as one document.

### **b. Merrill Park:**

Chairman Collins noted that trees were recently cut in preparation for earthwork and other construction activities. He will plan for a ribbon cutting ceremony as the work should be completed soon.

### **c. Rangers Town Forest:**

Chairman Collins noted that Eric Radlof recently emailed Sandra Rumbaugh a few questions. Mr. Collins provided Mr. Radlof with property boundary information. Mr. Radlof is actively conducting his timber cruise and marking trees with blue paint. Forestry signs have been posted. Mr. Radlof is being paid for his forester services in June. A timber harvest is anticipated this summer possibly in July. Carl Murphy asked about the landing size. Mr. Collins will discuss landing area details with Mr. Radlof remotely to avoid an additional meeting invoice.

### **d. ATV usage:**

Chairman Collins asked for our input on the next step to deal with continuous ATV usage on Musquash Conservation Area. An issue persists with a large ATV accessing from the Deer Run/Dumont Rd. entrance that is creating both trail damage and a public safety hazard. This trail may or may not have a formal access easement. Mr. Collins reviewed the Assessors Dept. folder and was unable to find any easement language associated with this ancient road. Mr. Dickinson mentioned that the original subdivision plans for either road may indicate an easement. Mr. Collins will double check with Mr. Michaud to see if there is another document that identifies an easement. After a short conversation between members, Mr. Morin suggested that we ask for the direct abutter's permission at 10 Dumont Rd. in effort to set boulders near the trailhead on Town property. Mr. Collins will submit a letter to the owner of 10 Dumont in effort to obtain access.

**e. Brush Fires at Musquash Conservation Area and Merrill Park:**

Mr. Morin explained that there were recent brush fires at both Musquash along the Kingfisher Trail and at Merrill Park due to unattended campfires. Mr. Dickinson also noted that an issue persists with vehicles parking for an extended period at the Musquash Pond boat launch area. Chairman Collins explained the history of the boulder placement limiting access to the launch/former parking area. After a short conversation regarding accessibility and usage, no further action was proposed.

**III. Other Business**

**a. Trail Work Day:**

The HCC rescheduled our July trail work day to Sunday, July 9, 2023, 9 AM – 12 PM with meeting point at Kimball Hill Town Forest. Our work may also include installing a sign post on Colburn and the southern end of the Nacook Loop at Musquash Conservation Area (MCA). Mr. Collins asked if we had completed the work on the new trail segment at Pelham Rd. Mr. Murphy and Mr. Dickinson explained that it was completed. Mr. Murphy also noted that the brush trimmer blades require replacement.

**b. Trail Work Log:**

Mr. Dickinson reviewed the trail work log. The majority of items has been completed, or is in the process of being addressed; however emergent growth of shrubs within the powerline corridor remains an issue. Mr. Dickinson asked Chairman Collins if he had any updates regarding Eversource's maintenance schedule. Mr. Collins responded that he was unable to get a reply from Eversource. He spoke with Roger Lawrence of Liberty Utilities; however Mr. Lawrence did not have any answers. A short conversation continued regarding additional trail work at Musquash, i.e. add trail signs on east side (beyond Musquash Brook bridge) for Autumn 2023.

**IV. Financial Status:**

No new expenses during May. Chairman Collins has not received any updates from NHDES on DASH operation schedule. Mr. Pinsonneault informed Mr. Collins that new poles will most likely be necessary to complete the Duck Box Project. Mr. Pinsonneault will pursue obtaining material quotes for approval at our next regular meeting.

Conservation Fund Balance = \$762,748.

**V. Correspondence:**

Chairman Collins reviewed our monthly correspondence which included the following:

- a) Abutter notification for 255 Derry Rd.
- b) Green Meadow update
- c) NHDES review letter to Brox requesting additional information for their Dredge & Fill Permit.
- d) Lakeside Quarterly Magazine

- e) Vernal Pool info link as submitted by Sandra Rumbaugh (Mr. Collins mentioned that a vernal pool field day would be a good activity to schedule in the future).

**VI. Approval of Minutes:**

Mr. Pinsonneault moved to approve the regular meeting minutes for May 8, 2023. Mr. Murphy seconded the motion.  
Motion Carried 4/0/0

**VII. Commissioner's Comments:**

Mr. Dickinson reminded everyone that we need to discuss potential wetland regulation changes this summer in effort for a Joint Board Meeting in September.

**VIII. Motion to adjourn:**

Mr. Pinsonneault moved to adjourn our regular meeting at 9:01 PM; seconded by Mr. Murphy.  
Motion Carried 4/0/0

Ken Dickinson

Ken Dickinson, Clerk





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**DATE: July 10, 2023**

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Carl Murphy  
Vice-Chair   X  

Ken Dickinson  
Clerk   X  

Brian Pinsonneault  
Member   X  

Sandra Rumbaugh  
Member   X  

Linda Krisciunas  
Alternate   X  

Open Seat  
Alternate       

David Morin  
Selectman Rep   X  

Elvis Dhima  
Town Rep   X  

CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON AT 07:05 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

SEATING OF ALTERNATES:

Public Input Related to Non-Agenda Items: None

### I. New Business

a. none

## II. Old Business

### a. Trail Map Review:

Chairman Collins presented a new version of Benson Park trail map that NRPC prepared for comment. In general, all members were in agreement that the new map with thinner trail graphics reads cleaner than the previous version. Yellow and green trail lines could be an issue, so Mr. Friedman needs to be cautious of how colors could fade over time. Ryan Friedman is currently on vacation, however Mr. Collins anticipates that he will have a set of revised maps ready for review in August. Mr. Collins intends to meet with Mr. Friedman next week after his vacation.

### b. Merrill Park:

Chairman Collins mentioned that this was a great project. Mr. Dhima informed us that work has been completed at Merrill Park minus safety sign installation and hydroseed monitoring. Selectman Morin reported that the new stairs are still difficult for the emergency responders; however it does provide a wider path for emergency rescue boat operations.

### c. Draft Warrant Article Discussion:

This line item was intended as a follow up preparation to present a draft warrant article to the Planning Board regarding proposed zoning amendments extending the wetland buffers as recommended earlier this year by the EPA, town staff and VHB's memorandum for improving water quality at both Robinson and Ottarnic Pond watershed areas. Sandra Rumbaugh asked several questions of Mr. Dhima regarding preparation of the draft warrant article, i.e. clarification of non-structural drainage improvements and public outreach/education. After some discussion regarding scope, timeframe, buffer and definition of the watershed area it was highly recommended that a town-wide 75 foot wetland buffer be established for all properties within Hudson as well as the creation of a watershed conservation overlay district. Mr. Dhima mentioned that a 75 foot buffer would be consistent with the NHDES regulations for leach field setback. Selectman Morin suggested that we invite Town Planner, Brian Groth and Planning Board Chairman, Tim Malley, to our next regular meeting. Mr. Collins asked Mrs. Rumbaugh to speak with Brian Groth for assistance in preparing a draft warrant article for discussion in August.

### d. ATV usage:

Chairman Collins stated that a he submitted a letter to the owner of 10 Dumont in effort to obtain access, however he has not received any response. There have been no further complaints this month. Mr. Dickinson inspected the trail leading from Dumont Rd yesterday

and noted that shrub/understory growth along the trail appears to be restricting some ATV usage. ATV usage will be continued to be monitored at Musquash Conservation Area.

**e. Wood Duck Nesting Box Project:**

Mr. Pinsonneault provided a brief update, specs and installation details on the duck box project, i.e. boxes will be easily removable for future maintenance. Mr. Pinsonneault requested \$150 to purchase 10 galvanized steel poles from a local vendor and \$81.00 for new clamps from Home Depot for the Duck Box Project to be completed in Fall 2023. Mr. Dickinson moved to expend upto \$250.00 for the purchase of poles and hardware to mount and install the new wood duck nesting boxes. Motion seconded by Mr. Murphy. Motion Carried 5/0/0

**III. Other Business**

**a. Trail Work Day:**

The HCC rescheduled our July trail work day to Sunday, July 16, 2023, 9 AM – 12 PM with meeting point at Kimball Hill Town Forest.

**IV. Financial Status:**

HCC expended in June \$38,160. for professional services and \$188.27 for small equipment/materials. Conservation Fund Balance = \$762,748. (approx. \$435,000 will remain for future land purchase upon approval of the 13 Tiger Rd. acquisition). Chairman Collins will attend the 7/11 BOS meeting in effort to obtain approval for the purchase of 13 Tiger Rd. Forestry account balance was not shown on the June monthly report, however Mr. Collins will follow up to get it shown next month.

**V. Correspondence:**

Chairman Collins reviewed our monthly correspondence which included the following:

- a) Email from our new Zoning Administrator, Mr. Sullivan, regarding 140 Kimball Hill Rd. All items have been removed from the wetland buffer achieving compliance.
- b) Email from Amy Smagula, NHDES Limnologist: Field observations and Pond mapping included. Ms. Smagula noted that Robinson Pond has been scheduled for DASH operations, however Ottarnic Pond is already too full of aquatic invasives for effective DASH operations this year. Chairman Collins will follow up with NHDES regarding the need for herbicide treatment at Ottarnic Pond in 2024 versus the anticipated DASH services.

**VI. Approval of Minutes:**

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the regular meeting minutes for the June 5, 2023 Non-Public meeting minutes. Mr. Pinsonneault seconded the motion.

Motion Carried 4/0/1

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the regular meeting minutes for the June 10, 2023 Site Visit meeting minutes as corrected. Mr. Pinsonneault seconded the motion.

Motion Carried 5/0/0

#### **VII. Commissioner's Comments:**

Mr. Dickinson provided an update on his progress for treating upland invasives and repairing eroded trails at Musquash Conservation Area as follows:

Mr. Dickinson contacted Eric Radlof of Full Circle Forestry. Mr. Radlof requested a site visit which was scheduled for Thursday 7/13 at 2pm. Mr. Radlof explained that Full Circle Forestry currently performs similar services in Pelham, Hollis and Meredith. They perform this work on an annual basis, therefore Full Circle Forestry has a standard procedure. There is a half day rate and a full day rate for herbicide treatments typically consisting of a two-man crew.

Mr. Dickinson also performed a preliminary estimate for the amount of gravel (24 to 48 cubic yards) that would be needed to repair approximately 300 linear feet of trails at Musquash Conservation Area. It is a substantial amount and may require contracted services in addition to volunteer efforts. Trail conditions are poor due to excessive rain. Erosion has also increased along the Hamblett-Nash Trail from mountain bike usage. Mr. Radlof will also evaluate these conditions and provide recommendations during his site visit as Full Circle Forestry can be contracted for other trail improvement work.

#### **VIII. Motion to enter into Non-Public Session:**

Mr. Dickinson moved to enter into a non-public session at 8:24 PM; seconded by Mr. Pinsonneault. Motion Carried 5/0/0

#### **IX. Motion to seal Non-Public Session Meeting Minutes:**

Mr. Pinsonneault moved to seal the non-public session meeting minutes; seconded by Mr. Murphy. Motion Carried 5/0/0

#### **X. Motion to adjourn:**

Mrs. Rumbaugh moved to adjourn our regular meeting at 8:51 PM; seconded by Mr. Murphy. Motion Carried 5/0/0

Ken Dickinson

Ken Dickinson, Clerk