



TOWN OF HUDSON

Conservation Commission



William Collins, Chairman

David Morin, Selectmen Liaison

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA January 08, 2024

The Town of Hudson Conservation Commission will hold its next meeting on **January 08, 2024** 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. None

II. Old Business:

- a. Conditional Use Permit – 78 Highland Street, Parcel ID: 175-019-000

III. Other Business:

- a: Election of Officers
- b: Trail Upkeep (aka: Work Day)
- c: 2024 Projects?

IV. Financial Status:

Current Report

V. Correspondence

Correspondence a: Tree Harvest Financial Report

Correspondence b: ConCom Donations

Correspondence c: NHACC Membership

VI. Approval of Minutes:

a. Meeting Minutes – December 11, 2023

VII. Commissioner's Comments:

Next Regular Meeting: Monday, February 12, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

William Collins

William Collins, Chairman

ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024

Chairman, William Collins, shall address the need to elect new officers for reorganization of the Board, and shall first ask for a nomination for the position of Chairman.

DRAFT MOTIONS FOR ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

MOTION FOR CHAIRMAN:

I move to nominate _____ to be Chairman.

Second: _____.

If there are no other nominations for this office, the next motion is:

MOTION:

There being no other nominations, I move to close the nominations and to elect

_____ as Chairman by acclamation.

Motion by: _____ Second: _____ Motion carried/failed: _____.

MOTION FOR VICE-CHAIRMAN:

I move to nominate _____ to be Vice-Chairman.

Second: _____.

If there are no other nominations for this office, the next motion is:

MOTION:

There being no other nominations, I move to close the nominations and to elect

_____ as Vice-Chairman by acclamation.

Motion by: _____ Second: _____ Motion carried/failed: _____.

MOTION FOR SECRETARY/CLERK:

I move to nominate _____ to be Secretary.

Second: _____.

If there are no other nominations for this office, the next motion is:

MOTION:

There being no other nominations, I move to close the nominations and to elect

_____ as Secretary/Clerk by acclamation.

Motion by: _____ Second: _____ Motion
carried/failed: _____.

Expenditure Report - Including Carry Forward Activity
 Conservation Committee
 Town of Hudson, NH
 As Of: November 2023, GL Year 2024

Account Number	Budget	Prior Year Encumbered	Budget & PY Adjustments	Net Budget	MTD Exp	YTD Exp	Encumbered	Balance Available	% Used
Selected Year	52,753.00	0.00	0.00	52,753.00	40.00	330,892.00	0.00	-278,139.00	627.248
Prior Year	0.00	28,000.00	0.00	28,000.00	0.00	0.00	28,000.00	0.00	100.000
Grand Total	52,753.00	28,000.00	0.00	80,753.00	40.00	330,892.00	28,000.00	-278,139.00	444.432

**Town of Hudson, NH
Conservation Cash Flow
Fiscal Year 2024**

	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Conservation Beginning Bal.	764,609.09	766,596.24	768,588.55	770,603.72	772,691.53	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Income												
Deposits	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest	1,987.15	1,992.31	2,015.17	2,087.81	2,025.93	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Income	1,987.15	1,992.31	2,015.17	2,087.81	2,025.93	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Expenditures												
Expenditures	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bank Charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expend.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ending Balance	766,596.24	768,588.55	770,603.72	772,691.53	774,717.46	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Correspondence a: Tree Harvest Financial Report, Eric Radlof

Hi Bill,

Please find the latest updates related to the harvest. This includes Week 4's payments. I don't see any additional payments coming in at this point. I am currently sorting through whole tree chip loads. Once I have this squared away, this project will be wrapped up.

I will keep you updated. Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Eric

On Tue, Dec 12, 2023 at 9:12 AM Eric Radlof <cradlof.fcf@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Bill,

Please find the harvest summary and payment summary for weeks 1-3 attached. I am still anticipating 1-2 more weeks of load payments. When the dust settles we should be close to or over our initial projections.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Eric

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Eric Radlof

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Town of Hudson-Rangers Town Forest Timber Sale Accounting (Full Circle Forestry, LLC- Forest Account)
 Ranger Drive, Hudson, NH 2023

Payment Summary

Check Date	Check #	Made out to	From	Explanation	Income
10/17/2023	1805	Full Circle Forestry, LLC- Forest Account	Townes Logging LLC	10% Deposit	\$3,241.00
11/25/2023	1723	Full Circle Forestry, LLC- Forest Account	Townes Logging LLC	Week 1 Payment	\$3,955.08
12/8/2023	1730	Full Circle Forestry, LLC- Forest Account	Townes Logging LLC	Week 2 Payment	\$7,642.55
12/8/2023	1731	Full Circle Forestry, LLC- Forest Account	Townes Logging LLC	Week 3 Payment	\$4,775.08
12/13/2023	1733	Full Circle Forestry, LLC- Forest Account	Townes Logging LLC	Week 4 Payment	\$8,571.81
				Grand Totals:	\$28,185.52

STUMPAGE SUMMARY

for

Rangers Town Forest

Hudson, Hillsborough County, NH

HARVEST TOTAL

35 +/- Acres Timber Sale Area

SPECIES	Volume MBF	Value/MBF	Total Value	Notes
white pine	74.110	\$195.00	\$14,451.45	
hemlock	17.465	\$65.00	\$1,135.23	
black oak	14.605	\$220.00	\$3,213.10	
red oak	12.840	\$300.00	\$3,852.00	
white oak	1.215	\$210.00	\$255.15	
hickory	0.000	\$200.00	\$0.00	
scarlet oak	0.000	\$210.00	\$0.00	
red maple	0.180	\$200.00	\$36.00	
white ash	0.100	\$200.00	\$20.00	
black/yellow birch	0.000	\$200.00	\$0.00	
white birch	0.000	\$100.00	\$0.00	
black cherry	0.000	\$100.00	\$0.00	
mat logs	9.235	\$200.00	\$1,847.00	
pallet/tie logs	11.175	\$35.00	\$391.13	
Total Logs	140.925		\$25,201.05	
	Volume tons	Value/ton		
whole tree chips	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
cordwood	242.50	\$12.00	\$2,910.00	97 Cord
hardwood pulp	0.00	\$12.00	\$0.00	
hemlock pulp	24.80	\$3.00	\$74.40	
white pine pulp	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Total Pulp	267.30		\$2,984.40	
Total Value			\$28,185.45	
Harvest Total			\$28,185.45	

Correspondence b: ConCom Donations, Lisa Labrie

Hi,

Here are the donations that we have on the books for conservation use.

**Town of Hudson, NH
Donations Reconciliation
As of December 27, 2023**

<u>Revenue Account</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>FY2024 Contributions</u>	<u>Approp Transfer</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>	<u>Department Totals</u>
4560	Cons Comm	Conservation Comm	1,659.58			1,659.58	
4560	Cons Comm	Hudson Ponds	3,050.00			3,050.00	
4560	Cons Comm	Robinson Pond	1,250.00			1,250.00	
4560	Cons Comm	Otarnic Pond	1,191.82			1,191.82	7,151.40

Lisa

Lisa Labrie
Finance Director
Town of Hudson, NH
Hudson, NH 03051

Correspondence c NHACC, Barbara Richter

Dear Conservation Commissioner,

Thank you for renewing your membership in NHACC. Together we can accomplish much more, effect change on the local and state level, and build strength in unity. Your participation in the Association makes a difference in the conservation of our wonderful natural resources.

NHACC is available as a resource to you. We offer many programs that are free for members like the Lunch and Learn workshops, and regional roundtables. We keep our members informed through our E-newsletters and legislative alerts, and our useful revised edition handbook (copies still available at \$20 for members). NHACC members get a reduced rate annual meeting and conference in November. We are also available to consult on the often-difficult issues that come before your commission.

Please let us know if you have any new members on the commission so that we can stay current with our membership. We will add all commissioners to the E-newsletter and legislative alerts subscription.

Thank you again for your support and for all the good work you do to protect New Hampshire's natural beauty and resources.

Respectfully,
Barbara Richter
Executive Director



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DATE: December 11, 2023

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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> E </u>	
Sandra Rumbaugh Member <u> X </u>	Linda Krisciunas Alternate <u> E </u>	Open Seat Alternate <u> </u>	David Morin Selectman Rep <u> X </u>	Elvis Dhima Town Rep <u> X </u>

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:

Bruce Gilday, CWS (BAG Consulting) representing Brox Industries provided a brief update on mitigation efforts with NHDES related to their proposed expansion project. Brox will be maintaining a 75 ft wetland buffer throughout their expansion project. The ARM fund in-lieu fee for mitigation will be

approximately \$250,000; therefore the HCC has been asked to identify a project that some of the in-lieu fee could be spent on versus another project outside of Town. Mr. Gilday mentioned that the 6 acre parcel that was offered earlier this year was rejected as a preservation parcel (no mitigation credit provided by NHDES); however, it will remain as a donated parcel to the Town of Hudson. Mr. Gilday asked the Commission for a recommendation letter stating that the parcel is of preservation value. Brox is looking to identify another parcel to purchase as directed by NH Fish and Game and NHDES potentially in the Musquash Conservation Area watershed area. After a discussion regarding other potential mitigation parcels, Chairman Collins said asked Mr. Gilday to be placed on our January agenda, as this subject should have gone through the normal process of notification.

I. New Business

a. Conditional Use Permit – 36 Campbello St.

David Jordan, PE of Greeman Pederson (GPI, Inc.) Salem, NH office representing Sousa Realty and Development Corp. presented an application for a conditional use permit request for a 10 lot subdivision on a 4 acre parcel (Map 165 Lot 49) abutting the Merrimack River. Mr. Jordan noted that a NHDES Shoreland Protection application is forthcoming. The parcel drains to the east away from the river. A stormwater infiltration basin is proposed within the wetland conservation district (wetland buffer only) on the east side of the property. Mr. Dickinson asked if the development was in the existing field and what was the prior usage? Mr. Jordan responded yes; it was a large private yard used for family activities. Mr. Murphy asked if it was a low salt use area, however Mr. Jordan did not have that information present. Mrs. Rumbaugh asked about the pipe sizing which applicant and the Town Engineer confirmed that it meets both current NHDES and Town of Hudson regulations. Mr. Collins asked if the cul-de-sac could be utilized for stormwater treatment. Mr. Jordan explained that the flatness of the property did not allow sufficient pipe cover to properly design a stormwater feature in the cul-de-sac. There was also some discussion regarding appropriate seed mixes within the proposed buffer area. Mr. Jordan confirmed that they are specifying both a New England wet seed mix exclusively within the basin itself and a temporary seed mix and other seed mixes elsewhere as noted. Mrs. Rumbaugh noted that the lot appeared to be overdeveloped and would rather see the proposed basin located outside the wetland buffer area. Mrs. Rumbaugh requested the following: 1) appropriate signage to be installed at 50 ft. offsets along the buffer perimeter. 2) plant shrubs and other appropriate native seed mixes along the slope of the proposed basin in addition to the typical loam and seed mix. Mr. Collins asked if a restoration plan could be prepared behind Lot #5 to which Mr. Jordan responded yes. He would also look at the drainage calculations to see if there was another drainage swale that could be designed to handle more stormwater runoff on-site into the secondary basin versus directing it into the adjacent wetland. Several other questions were asked during this discussion by both Mr. Collins and Mrs. Rumbaugh. A site walk was scheduled for Sat. Dec 15 at 9 AM.

II. Old Business

a. Conditional Use Permit Application – 78 Highland Street (Map 175 / Lot 19):

Steve Riker, CWS of Ambit Engineering, Inc. representing Ms. Christine Floyd, presented a request to remove 4300 SF of fill located in the adjacent wetland area found towards the rear of the property and restore 7848 SF of adjacent wetland buffer area. Mr. Riker pointed out his plan revisions which included specifying NE Wetland Plants “NE Erosion Control Restoration Mix” and additional

facultative native deciduous shrubs and white pine saplings along the proposed slope.

Mr. Collins noted that he prepared a draft motion for acceptance and provided several reasons to support his motion.

Mr. Dickinson moved to recommend approval of the Conditional Use Application filed on behalf of Rene P. Joyal and Christopher W. Floyd by representatives of Ambit Engineering, Inc. for the purpose of restoring 4,300 SF of wetlands and 7,848 SF of wetland buffer along the back of the property located at 78 Highland St., Map 175, Lot 019 with the following stipulations as noted below:

1. The applicant shall abide by and follow the scope of work approved by the NHDES Restoration Plan, including all stipulation imposed by said plan dated September 03, 2021. Reference: NHDES #2017-01662
2. During construction Restoration Control Barriers shall be installed and maintained to the satisfaction of the Town Engineer.
3. Futhermore, due to the limited on-site storage potential the HCC recommends that the materials removed from the wetlands and be moved off-site to an appropriate disposal site.
4. Install approved "Don not cut/Do not disturb town conservation markers along the conservation district boundaries.
5. Install restoration plan per Sheet C3 dated 11/29/2023.

Motion seconded by Mr. Murphy.

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Motion Carried 4/0/0

A brief discussion followed regarding the restoration process, construction oversight, monitoring period, and final approval of the As-Built drawings.

III. Other Business

a. Game Camera Request at Parker Conservation Area:

Mrs. Rumbaugh requested permission to install a game camera at Parker Conservation Area. Other commissioners were generally in favor of the camera installation and Mr. Collins provided approval.

IV. Financial Status:

Chairman Collins noted that he would prefer to use a portion of the remaining Small Equipment line item for the purchase of additional trail signs and maintenance items associated with chainsaws. Mr. Dickinson noted that he has a contact that furnishes custom wood carved signs.

Conservation Fund Balance = \$774,717.

V. Correspondence:

Chairman Collins reviewed our monthly correspondence which included the following:

- a) Free Trees program
- b) NRPC Pedestrian Access monitoring program at Musquash Conservation Area

Trail maintenance planning at Musquash Conservation Area was also discussed. Trail work day reminder for December 16th to occur after our site walk to address wet areas along the Colburn Trail.

Mr. Dhima presented an update regarding two proposed engineering improvements at Robinson Pond to satisfy the required federal MS4 water quality/ stormwater treatment permit as follows:

Area #1: construct new boat launch and associated parking area with several new catch basins, paving and retaining wall.

Area #2: construct new parking area with impervious pavement and retaining wall at public beach area

VI. Approval of Minutes:

Mrs. Rumbaugh moved to accept both October 16, 2023 and November 13, 2023 regular meeting minutes; including November 13, 2023 non-public meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Murphy.

Motion Carried 4/0/0

VII. Commissioner's Comments:

Mrs. Rumbaugh noted that she had made an effort to contact other Town board members regarding the proposed wetland ordinance petitioned warrant article; however she did not receive any reply. Mrs. Rumbaugh requested those involved to subsequently contact her in effort to work together moving forward. Mrs. Rumbaugh confirmed that she has submitted her resignation from the Commission.

Selectman Morin, Chairman Collins, Mr. Murphy and Mr. Dickinson all thanked Mrs. Rumbaugh for her active service and duty for many years on the Commission.

Mr. Dickinson also thanked Mr. Dhima in his efforts to improve the Robinson Pond Recreation Area. He also mentioned that the new conservation area located off of Tiger Rd. could use some minor pruning and clean-up and remove tires from Ottarnic Pond Boat Launch Area and Rangers Town Forest.

Chairman Collins informed us that timber harvest work at Rangers Town Forest has been completed. Mr. Collins is coordinating more trail map revisions with Mr. Dhima and NRPC for approval next year.

VIII. Motion to adjourn:

Mrs. Rumbaugh moved to adjourn our regular meeting at 8:24 PM; seconded by Mr. Murphy.

Motion Carried 4/0/0

Ken Dickinson

Ken Dickinson, Clerk



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William Collins
Chairman X

Ken Dickinson
Vice-Chair X

Randy Brownrigg
Member X

William Kallgren
Member X

David Morin
Select. Rep. E

Elvis Dhima
Town Engineer E



- I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON AT 6:35 P.M.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. ROLL CALL
- IV. SEATING OF ALTERNATES

- V. Public Input Related to Non-Agenda Items: None

VI. Site Walk for 151 Robinson Road

A. Conditional Use Application, 151 Robinson Road Map 111, Lot 017

Application filed by the Town of Hudson Engineering Department on behalf of the Town of Hudson to address potential wetland buffer impacts located on a town owned residential lot. The buffer impact exception is being sought to facilitate building a single family home and driveway access on the parcel. Temporary wetland buffer impact 2,895 sq. feet, Permanent wetland buffer impact 1,755 sq. feet.

Mr. Kallgren moved to adjourn from the site walk at 7:00 p.m. seconded by Mr. Brownrigg.
Motion carried 4/0/0

William Collins, HCC Chairman