



# TOWN OF HUDSON

## Conservation Commission



William Collins, Chairman      David Morin, Selectmen Liaison

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### CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA February 12, 2024

The Town of Hudson Conservation Commission will hold its next meeting on **February 12, 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. None

**III. Other Business:**

- a: Election of Officers
- b: March Trail Workday
- c: Open Space Sub-Committee Formation
- d: Rules governing sub-committees

**IV. Financial Status:**

Current Report

**V. Correspondence**

Correspondence a: Society for the Protection of NH Forest

Correspondence b: NH HB1302 – Election of ConCom members

<https://legiscan.com/NH/text/HB1302/2024>

**VI. Approval of Minutes:**

a. Meeting Minutes – January 18, 2024

**VII. Commissioner's Comments:**

*Next Regular Meeting: Monday, March 11, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.*

*William Collins*

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William Collins, Chairman

Subdivision Name	Location	Map	Lot	Sublot	Plan #'s
Greenleaf Estates	8 Sunshine Drive		149	2	31916
Reeds Brook	127 Derry Road		156	25	29427
Wason Heights	34 Wason Road		217	3	34722
Pondview	Sousa Blvd		140	29	29216
	1 Sousa Blvd		140	40	
Winslow Farm Estates	5 & 6 Winslow Farm Ro		256	8	15969
			251	25	
Provincial Heights	2 St. Francis Place		210	11	26810
Jarry Subdivision	123 Bush Hill Road		207	8	37799
Orchard at Nottingham	Orchard Park Lane		232	13	39041
			231	53	3
Laurel Landing	50 Speare Road		186	13	0 39971
			186	13	9
Royal Oak Estates	Gabrielle Drive		131	45	31217
	28 Marsh Road		140	56	
Serenity Estates	Serenity Circle		138	5	9 32837
Hawthorne Woods	18 Griffin Road		135	15	37664
Rolling Woods	Rolling Woods Drive		135	32	38763
			144	21	
Whip-Poor-Will Manor	15 Hummingbird Lane		139	44	30451
Leaor Subdivision	1 Leaor Circle		184	37	34592

2 Leaor Circle	193	12	2
Kimball Heights II	170	4	31966
Allyson's Landing	217	33	36787

Owner of record	acres	total acres	Year est.	Notes
176R Highland Street LLC c/o Nationwide Builders	17.942	17.942	2004	
Reeds Brooks Association c/o Ted Cote	6.115	6.115	2009	
Empire Circle, LLC	19.064	19.064	2009	
Pond View Subdivision Assoc. c/o Sousa realty & development	18.916		1998	
	20.574		1998	
	39.49	39.49	1998	
Winslow Farm Subdivision	9.737		1983	Unclear if this is a true OSD, may predate (1983) OSD regulations, does have Open Space Lots
	1.461		1983	
Provincial Heights Neighborhood Assoc.	11.198	11.198	1983	
Moose Hill Homeowners Assoc. c/o Sousa Realty & Development	18.16	18.16	1994	
	24.177	24.177	2013	
K.L.N. Construction Co., Inc.	2.71		2016	
K.L.N. Construction Co., Inc.	11.38		2016	
	14.09	14.09	2016	
Hampshire Ventures, Inc.	27.051		2018	
Hampshire Ventures, Inc.	0.117		2018	
	27.168	27.168	2018	
Hudson NH Royal Oak Subdivision	8.584		2002	
Hudson NH Royal Oak Subdivision	13.214		2002	
	21.798	21.798	2002	
Sousa Realty and Development Corp.	5.66	5.66	2003	
Hawthorne Woods Co., Inc.	8.866	8.866	2013	
Rolling Woods HOA	12.94		2016	
Rolling Woods HOA	1.813		2016	
Rolling Woods HOA	0.12		2016	
	14.873	14.873	2016	
Whip-Poor-Will Manor Assoc.	15.046	15.046	2002	
Sousa Realty and Development Corp.	5.113		2006	

Sousa Realty and Development Corp.	3.751		2006
	<b>8.864</b>	<b>8.864</b>	2006
Kimball Heights II	<b>43.583</b>	<b>43.583</b>	2006
Todd Graham	<b>16.75</b>	<b>16.75</b>	2010
		<b>312.844</b>	

**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: January 2024, GL Year 2024

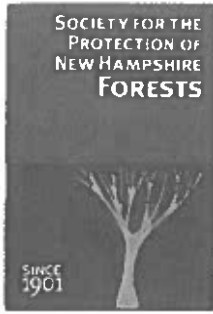
Account Number	Budget	Prior Year Encumbered	Budget & PY Adjustments	Net Budget	MTD Exp	YTD Exp	Encumbered	Balance Available	%Used
<b>Conservation Fund</b>									
06-0000-6500-000-000	Purchase Property	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	328,452.00	0.00	-328,452.00	0.000
06-4619-5586-202-000	Conserv Comm, Sm. Equipment Mitce	0.00	0.00	2,300.00	0.00	183.80	0.00	2,116.20	7.991
06-4619-5586-217-000	Conserv Comm, Assoc Dues/Fees	1,327.00	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	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.000
06-4619-5586-252-000	Conserv Comm, Prof Services	48,626.00	0.00	76,626.00	0.00	1,240.00	28,000.00	47,386.00	38.159
<b>Total Conservation Fund</b>									
Selected Year	52,753.00	0.00	0.00	52,753.00	0.00	330,925.80	0.00	-278,172.80	627.312
Prior Year	0.00	28,000.00	0.00	28,000.00	0.00	0.00	28,000.00	0.00	100.000
Sort Total	52,753.00	28,000.00	0.00	80,753.00	0.00	330,925.80	28,000.00	-278,172.80	444.474

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Conservation Committee  
Town of Hudson, NH  
As Of: January 2024, GL Year 2024

Account Number	Budget & PY			YTD Exp	Encumbered	%Used
	Budget	Prior Year Encumbered	Budget Adjustments			
Selected Year	52,753.00	0.00	0.00	330,925.80	0.00	627.312
Prior Year	0.00	28,000.00	0.00	0.00	28,000.00	100.000
Grand Total	52,753.00	28,000.00	0.00	330,925.80	28,000.00	444.474

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

	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
<b>Conservation Beginning Bal.</b>	764,609.09	766,596.24	768,588.55	770,603.72	772,691.53	774,717.46	776,816.41	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Income</b>												
Deposits	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest	1,987.15	1,992.31	2,015.17	2,087.81	2,025.93	2,098.95	2,098.89	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Income</b>	1,987.15	1,992.31	2,015.17	2,087.81	2,025.93	2,098.95	2,098.89	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Expenditures</b>												
Expenditures	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bank Charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Expend.</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Ending Balance</b>	766,596.24	768,588.55	770,603.72	772,691.53	774,717.46	776,816.41	778,915.30	-	-	-	-	-



January 22, 2024

Hudson Conservation Commission  
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...**

- Conserved 3,700 acres of forestland in Shelburne bordering the Androscoggin River and the Appalachian Trail. Located just east of Gorham, this magnificent landscape includes hiking trails, kayaking and angling spots, and diverse habitat for wildlife from black bears to peregrine falcons.
- Protected 482 acres adjacent to the Forest Society's 457-acre Evelyn H. and Albert D. Morse, Sr. Preserve in Alton, enlarging the Morse Preserve and creating a connected corridor of conservation land of more than 1,250 acres that provides important watershed protection to Lake Winnepesaukee, and helps ensure that habitat for wide-ranging wildlife are kept intact.
- Acquired a conservation easement on nearly 400 acres in Canterbury and Northfield, with three and a half miles of trails for walking, hiking, snowshoeing, and nature observation. Known as Deepwood Forest, it's ranked among the highest scoring focus areas in the Merrimack River Watershed Conservation Plan.
- Accomplished major trail improvements and retained important ecosystems at our Mount Monadnock and Gap Mountain Reservations during our 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Monadnock Trails Week. More than 50 volunteers and staff worked together to reinforce steep slopes and reduce erosion on several of the most popular trails.

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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PROTECTION OF  
NEW HAMPSHIRE  
FORESTS



**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

\$75  \$125  \$250  \$500  \$1,000 Other \_\_\_\_\_

Check (payable to SPNHF)  VISA  MasterCard  
Or, you can donate online at [www.forestsociety.org](http://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](http://www.forestsociety.org)



# New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions

SERVING NEW HAMPSHIRE'S COMMUNITIES SINCE 1970

**TO:** House Municipal and County Government Committee  
**FROM:** Barbara Richter, NHACC Executive Director  
**DATE:** January 3, 2024  
**SUBJECT:** Written testimony regarding HB1302

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Thank you, members of the committee for the opportunity to comment on HB1302.

The NH Association of Conservation Commissions is a nonprofit organization which serves the 217 municipal conservation commissions in the state. Our mission is to foster conservation and appropriate use of New Hampshire's natural resources by providing assistance to conservation commissions, facilitating communication and cooperation among commissions, and helping to create a climate in which commissions can be successful.

We are opposed to House Bill 1302. Please vote **Inexpedient to Legislate on this bill.**

One of our great concerns is that this bill could lead to a lower number of local conservation volunteers. Conservation commission members simply want to do their part for the environment and their community. They are not interested in running a campaign for election. Many commission members I've talked with about this bill have said that they have no desire to go through an election process. In many municipalities it would cost volunteers a substantial amount of time and money to run for election.

We want citizens appointed to conservation commissions who are willing to do the work, not simply because they're popular or because their name is easily recognized.

Conservation commissions in New Hampshire are charged with the "protection of natural resources and water resources in their community". Most governing bodies in New Hampshire take this responsibility very seriously and follow the intent of RSA 36-A. Many have instituted an interview process for appointments, and some ask for resumes or require an application process. Many new commissioners are initially appointed as alternates then they are appointed to regular positions as they gain experience. Most municipalities rely on recommendations from the conservation commission for new members.

Please do not threaten the thoughtful local processes currently in place. **There is no guarantee or evidence that elections would result in a more capable or committed group of local conservation volunteers.**

New Hampshire never required the election of conservation commission members, and this is not a practice in other states with conservation commission members. New Hampshire's enabling legislation for conservation commissions was passed in 1963 and NH conservation commissions have been successfully protecting clean water, fresh air and natural habitat for 60 years. We need to have a really compelling reason if we're going to make a change to this law.

We respectfully ask you to vote HB1302 as **Inexpedient to Legislate**.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Richter,  
NHACC Executive Director



# TOWN OF HUDSON

## Conservation Commission



William Collins, Chairman

Dave Morin, Selectmen Liaison

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**DATE: January 8, 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

Linda Krisciunas  
Alternate  X

David Morin  
Selectman Rep  X

Elvis Dhima  
Town Engineer  X

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CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON AT 07:01 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

SEATING OF ALTERNATES: Linda Krisciunas was seated as a regular member.

Public Input Related to Non-Agenda Items: none



**I. New Business: none**

**II. Old Business:**

**a. Conditional Use Permit – 36 Campbello St.**

Manny Sousa, Jr. of 50 Moose Hill Rd. Hudson, NH, representing Sousa Realty and Development Corp. was present for a follow-up public hearing from our site walk performed on December 16, 2023. David Jordan, PE of Greeman Pederson, Inc. was not present for this hearing due to COVID. Gove Environmental is continuing to develop an appropriate restoration planting plan.

**Commission member, Ken Dickinson, moved to recommend approval of the Conditional Use Application filed on behalf of A. Jack Atkinson, Trustee by representatives of Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. and Sousa Realty & Development Corp. for the purpose of constructing Stormwater Infiltration Basins to meet stormwater treatment requirements permanently impacting 4,500 square feet of wetland buffer along the back of proposed Lot 6 at the property located at 36 Campbello Street Map 165/Lot 049 with following stipulations as noted below:**

1. During construction erosion control devices shall be installed and maintained to the satisfaction of the Town Engineer.
2. It is recommended that the outflow from Outlet Apron noted as FES-1 shown on sheet 7 of 16 of the plan set be redirected into Infiltration Basin-3.
3. It is recommended that the applicant create and implement a wetland buffer restoration plan for the disturbed buffer areas existing on the easterly side of proposed Lots 5 and 6 as part of site plan approval. The details and implementation of said Restoration Plan to be added to “General Notes and Legend” on Sheet 2 of 16.
4. It is recommended to have the applicant install approved “Do Not Cut/ Do Not Disturb” conservation markers along the conservation districts boundaries. Furthermore, “Post and Rail” style fencing is recommended to be erected and maintained to aid in delineating the wetland buffer boundary as is typical on other excepted residential developments. If this recommendation is accepted by the Planning Board, details of the “Do Not Cut/ Do Not Disturb” conservation markers and “Post and Rail” style fencing shall be added to the “General Notes and Legend” on Sheet 2 of 16.
5. It is recommended that efforts be made to save three trees on the project site. One Japanese Red Maple tree lies in the middle of the proposed roadway but could be relocated and incorporated into the landscaping of the Cul-de-Sac Island. The other two trees to be saved are located near Infiltration Basin-1 and Infiltration Basin-2. Careful excavation to minimize tree root damage could be implemented during their construction.

Motion Seconded by: Mr. Murphy

Motion Carried: 5/0/0

**III. Other Business**

- a. Election of Officers:** deferred to February regular meeting
- b. Trail Work Day:** February 11<sup>th</sup>, 9 AM-12 PM. Meet at Woodland Dr. cul-de-sac.

Mr. Dickinson also noted the following trail maintenance and signage items:

- 1) Kimball Hill Town Forest: sawcut & clear fallen trees
- 2) Tiger Rd. Conservation Area: invasive shrub pruning / sign removal (optional).
- 3) Larger debris, tent, etc. could be removed on another scheduled day.
- 4) Mr. Dickinson and Chairman Collins will coordinate in effort to define the quantity, sizes and scope of work for 2024 trail signs.

**c. 2024 Projects:**

Chairman Collins noted that he aims to finish the mapping project and installing signage at Musquash. He asked for a member of the Commission to assist NRPC with completing the mapping project by providing a narrative for each property. Mr. Dickinson agreed to complete this task.

Mr. Dickinson reminded everyone that it would be a good year to provide a partial update to the 2012 Hudson Open Space Master Plan. Ms. Krisciunas asked questions regarding the purpose of the update. Mr. Dickinson responded that the plan contained information that is over ten years old. A table on pg. 17 that ranked the larger available parcels in Hudson should be reevaluated and updated as the primary task. A secondary larger task is recalculating the percentage of conserved open space. This document also serves as a guide for the future purchase of conservation land within Hudson. Chairman Collins will distribute the Open Space Master Plan for review at our next regular meeting. Mr. Collins looks forward to merging his data into this document, working to correct abnormalities between GRANIT and other GIS data, and holding workshops later this year to address an update.

**IV. Financial Status:**

Conservation Fund Balance = \$776,815. (requires reconciliation as noted by Ms. Krisciunas)  
 Chairman Collins noted that NHDES is currently working on invasive species treatment plans for both Robinson and Ottarnic Ponds. A grant award for this work will be forthcoming for review in February.

**V. Correspondence:**

Chairman Collins reviewed our monthly correspondence which included the following:

- a) Rangers Town Forest - Tree Harvest Financial Report / Stumpage Summary = \$28,185.45 (incomplete)  
 Chairman Collins reminded everyone that the Conservation Commission can expend Forestry Account funds for associated Town Forest projects as per the recently approved warrant article.
- b) Robinson/Ottarnic Ponds Donation Report from Lisa LaBrie, Finance Director = \$7,152. (total value)
- c) NHACC Membership Letter from Barbara Richter, Executive Director  
 Mr. Pinsonneault mentioned that he has signed up for 3 afternoon webinars hosted by NHACC, and encourages other members to consider attending as well. See NHACC website and check mailing list.

**VI. Approval of Minutes:**

Mr. Pinsonneault moved to accept the December 11, 2023 regular meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Krisciunas.

Motion Carried 5/0/0

December 16<sup>th</sup> site visit meeting minutes approval was deferred as corrections remain in-progress.

**VII. Commissioner's Comments:**

Mr. Pinsonneault thanked Mrs. Rumbaugh for her years of active service on the Commission.

Mr. Dickinson looks forward to working with Pelham Conservation Commission in effort to link the Gumpas Conservation Area with the Musquash Conservation Area trail network. He also mentioned that the Colburn Trail improvements are great and important as the Nash-Hamblett Trail has been recently washed out by a new stream which flows from the adjacent property.

Chairman Collins concurred that it would be good to work with Pelham in effort to construct a bridge where necessary to access the Gumpas Conservation Area.

Mr. Dickinson stated that the Commission should perform grant research in effort to construct a bridge across the Robinson Pond Dam in effort to link our conservation properties on the east side of the pond with our new conservation property on the west side of the pond. A long term goal is to establish a trail route via a combination of foot paths and roadways to provide access entirely around Robinson Pond. Chairman Collins concurred that it would be good idea to pursue. A short discussion followed regarding the proposed trail bridge.

**VIII. Motion to adjourn:**

Ms. Krisciunas moved to adjourn our regular meeting at 7:45 PM; seconded by Mr. Pinsonneault.

Motion Carried 5/0/0

Ken Dickinson

Ken Dickinson, Clerk