



TOWN OF HUDSON

Conservation Commission



Carl Murphy, Chairman

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA October 20, 2025

The Town of Hudson Conservation Commission will hold its next meeting on **Monday, October 20, 2025** at 7:00 p.m. in the Buxton Meeting Room, at 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. Zoe Burt for Capstone presentation
- b. Bob Macaraeg-Patch proposal for Hudson Trail challenge
- c. Land acquisitions

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.

II. Old Business:

- a. ZORC update
- b. Hudson trail challenge
- c. Musquash Bridge update

III. Other Business:

- a. Aqualogic harvest report
- b. Musquash Knotweed treatment
- c. October/November workday
- d. Walk with County Forester Paul Gagnon at Tiger property

IV. Financial Status:

- a. Current Report
- b. Financial report explanation

V. Correspondence

VI. Approval of Minutes:

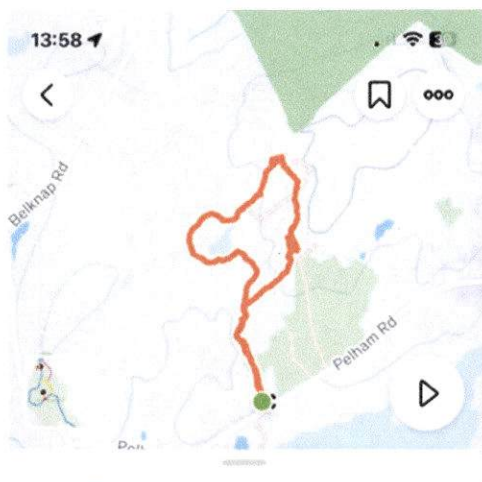
- a. August 11, 2025 Meeting Minutes

VII. Commissioner's Comments:

**Next Regular Meeting: Monday, November 10, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.*

Carl Murphy

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Conservation Commission Chairman



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Bob Mac

August 29, 2025 at 10:42 AM Hudson, New Hampshire

Pelham Road Conservation Land

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Kudos on your fifth activity!

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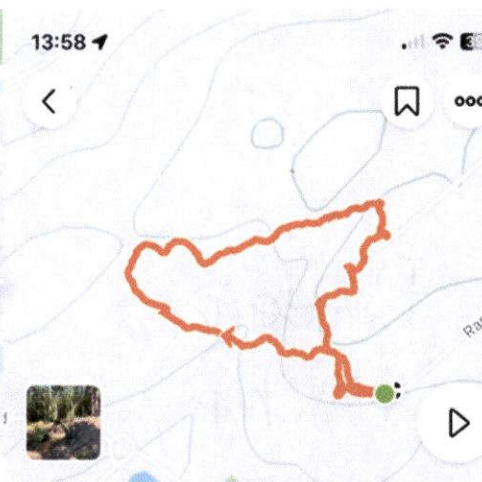
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Bob Mac

September 2, 2025 at 10:52 AM Hudson, New Hampshire

Rangers Town Forest

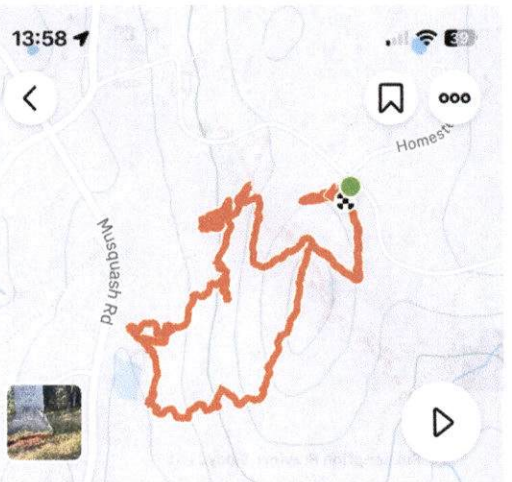
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Bob Mac

September 4, 2025 at 1:50 PM Hudson, New Hampshire

Colburn Town Forest

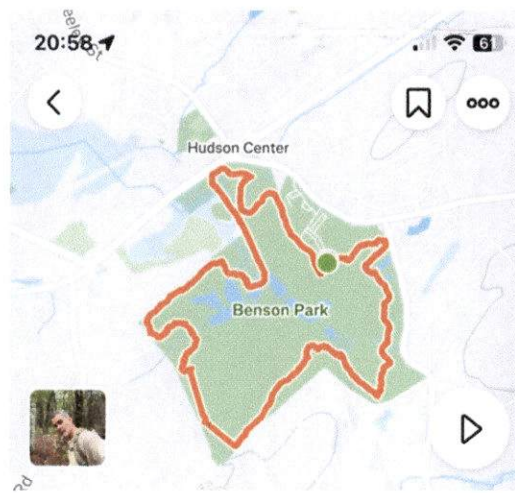
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Bob Mac

September 11, 2025 at 6:10 PM Hudson, New Hampshire

Bensons Park 9/11

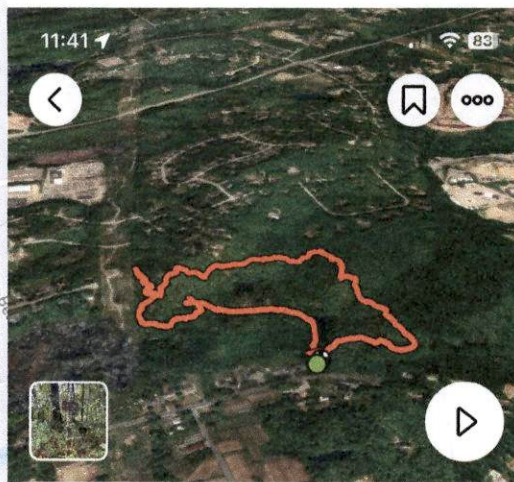
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Elevation Gain
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Bob Mac

September 15, 2025 at 2:16 PM Hudson, New Hampshire

Hudson Town Forest

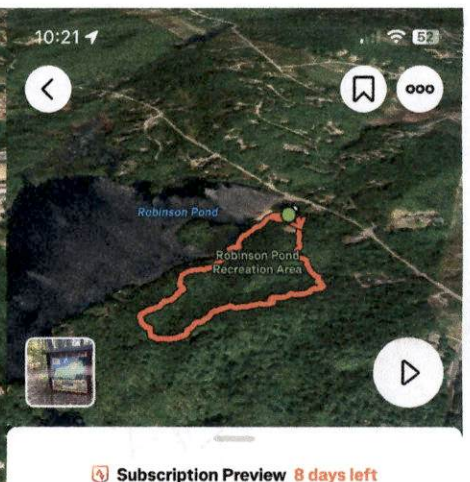
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3.2 mi/h

Max Speed
7.7 mi/h



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Bob Mac

September 22, 2025 at 2:25 PM Hudson, New Hampshire

Robinson Pond Park

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Kudos on your 10th activity!

View

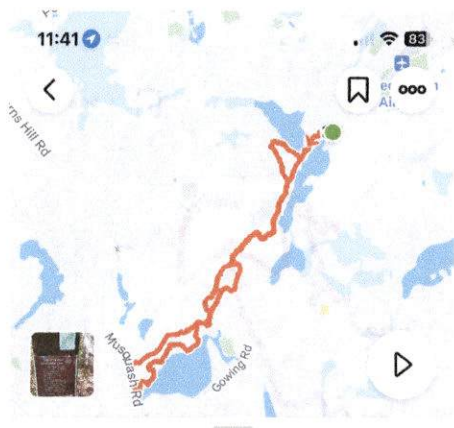
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1.16 mi

Elevation Gain
63 ft

Moving Time
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Avg Speed
3.3 mi/h

Max Speed
7.3 mi/h



Subscription Preview 9 days left



Bob Mac

October 2, 2025 at 1:52 PM · Hudson, New Hampshire

Mushquash Conservation Area

Distance

6.29 mi

Elevation Gain

616 ft

Moving Time

2:04:42

Avg Speed

3.0 mi/h

Max Speed

9.4 mi/h

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Strockney

603-886-6008

Town Hall

8-4:30

Ramp / across

Robert Macarney
603-598-3172
Bob Macarney

Otternic Pond / Harvest

Town of Hudson/ Phase 1

Date: Monday September 29, 2025

Dive Team: Nathan Adams

John Jude

Hannah

Weather: Sunny, 70s

Est. Water Temp: 70s

Other:

Equipment Check: Yes

Issues: none

Job #: OP-6

Dash #: Little Blue

Arrive: 8:30

Depart: 15:30

Prepared By / Date Dominic Jude/October 1, 2025

Submitted To Georgia Brunell, NHDES, Exotic
Species Program Coordinator

Town of Hudson

Dive 1 - In Water Time: 8:50

Out Water Time: 11:50

Dive 2: In Water Time: 12:00

Out Water Time: 15:00

Dive 3 - In Water Time:

Out Water Time:

KEY: (Density) L = Low M = Medium H = High X = Maximum (Harvest) S = DASH F = Hand

DIVER 1 Name: Nate

Area Harvested/GPS Location: NHDES survey points east of boat launch / 42.7725485, -71.4247547

Gallons Pulled: 210

NHDES GPX Survey Points: 1005

DIVER 2 Name: John

Area Harvested/GPS Location: NHDES survey points east of boat launch / 42.77238704, -71.42447575

Gallons Pulled: 240

NHDES GPX Survey Points: 1000

30 Gallon Buckets: 15

Total Gallons: 450

20 Gallon Bins: 0

Total Gallons: 0

Days Total: 15

Days Total Gallons: 450

Visitors:

Visit Reason:

Total Gals Harvested: Brought Forth: 1,410.00 Today: 450.00 Year To Date: 1,860.00

Total Dive Hours: Brought Forth: 30.0 Today: 6.0 Year To Date: 36.0

End of Day Issues: none

End of Day Equipment Check: # Tanks: 0

Gas: full

Oil Level: ok

Time X

Data X



Otternic Pond / Harvest

Town of Hudson/Phase 1

Date: Friday September 26, 2025

Dive Team: Nathan Adams

John Jude

Hannah

Weather: Rain, Cloudy 60s

Est. Water Temp: 70s

Other:

Equipment Check: Yes

Issues: none

Job #: OP-5

Dash #: Little Blue

Arrive: 8:30

Depart: 15:45

Prepared By / Date Dominic Jude/October 1, 2025

Submitted To Georgia Brunell, NHDES, Exotic
Species Program Coordinator

Town of Hudson

Dive 1 - In Water Time: 8:55

Out Water Time: 11:55

Dive 2: In Water Time: 12:05

Out Water Time: 15:05

Dive 3 - In Water Time:

Out Water Time:

KEY: (Density) L = Low M = Medium H = High X = Maximum (Harvest) S = DASH F = Hand

DIVER 1 Name: Nate

Area Harvested/GPS Location: NHDES survey points on west shore / 42.7716135, -71.4266055

Gallons Pulled: 150

NHDES GPX Survey Points: 75

DIVER 2 Name: John

Area Harvested/GPS Location: NHDES survey points on west shore / 42.771420538, -71.4264392

Gallons Pulled: 120

NHDES GPX Survey Points: 223

30 Gallon Buckets: 9

Total Gallons: 270

20 Gallon Bins: 0

Total Gallons: 0

Days Total: 9

Days Total Gallons: 270

Visitors:

Visit Reason:

Total Gals Harvested: Brought Forth: 1,140.00 Today: 270.00 Year To Date: 1,410.00

Total Dive Hours: Brought Forth: 24.0 Today: 6.0 Year To Date: 30.0

End of Day Issues: none

End of Day Equipment Check: # Tanks: 0

Gas: full

Oil Level: ok

Time X

Data X



Otternic Pond / Harvest

Town of Hudson/ Phase 1

Date: Thursday September 25, 2025

Dive Team: Nathan Adams

John Jude

Hannah

Weather: Rain, Cloudy 60s

Est. Water Temp: 70s

Other:

Equipment Check: Yes

Issues: none

Job #: OP-4

Dash #: Little Blue

Arrive: 8:30

Depart: 15:45

Prepared By / Date Dominic Jude/October 1, 2025

Submitted To Georgia Brunell, NHDES, Exotic
Species Program Coordinator

Town of Hudson

Dive 1 - In Water Time: 9:10

Out Water Time: 12:10

Dive 2: In Water Time: 12:15

Out Water Time: 15:15

Dive 3 - In Water Time:

Out Water Time:

KEY: (Density) L = Low M = Medium H = High X = Maximum (Harvest) S = DASH F = Hand

DIVER 1 Name: John

Area Harvested/GPS Location: NHDES survey points west of boat launch / 42.7719979, -71.426884

Gallons Pulled: 120

NHDES GPX Survey Points: 54

DIVER 2 Name: Nate

Area Harvested/GPS Location: NHDES survey points west of boat launch / 42.7719624, -71.42683614

Gallons Pulled: 120

NHDES GPX Survey Points: 58

30 Gallon Buckets: 8

Total Gallons: 240

20 Gallon Bins: 0

Total Gallons: 0

Days Total: 8

Days Total Gallons: 240

Visitors:

Visit Reason:

Total Gals Harvested: Brought Forth: 900.00 Today: 240.00 Year To Date: 1,140.00

Total Dive Hours: Brought Forth: 18.0 Today: 6.0 Year To Date: 24.0

End of Day Issues: none

End of Day Equipment Check: # Tanks: 0

Gas: full

Oil Level: ok

Time X

Data X



Otternic Pond / Harvest

Town of Hudson/ Phase 1

Date: Wednesday September 24, 2025

Dive Team: Nathan Adams

John Jude

Hannah

Weather: Rain, Cloudy 60s

Est. Water Temp: 70s

Other:

Equipment Check: Yes

Issues: none

Job #: OP-3

Dash #: Little Blue

Arrive: 8:00 **Depart:** 15:20

Prepared By / Date Dominic Jude/October 1, 2025

Submitted To Georgia Brunell, NHDES, Exotic
Species Program Coordinator

Town of Hudson

Dive 1 - In Water Time: 8:30

Out Water Time: 12:30

Dive 2: In Water Time: 12:40

Out Water Time: 14:40

Dive 3 - In Water Time:

Out Water Time:

KEY: (Density) L = Low M = Medium H = High X = Maximum (Harvest) S = DASH F = Hand

DIVER 1 Name: Nate

Area Harvested/GPS Location: NHDES survey points west of boat launch / 42.7724114, -71.4260288

Gallons Pulled: 160

NHDES GPX Survey Points: 51

DIVER 2 Name: John

Area Harvested/GPS Location: NHDES survey points west of boat launch / 42.772375, -71.4259322

Gallons Pulled: 80

NHDES GPX Survey Points: 52

30 Gallon Buckets: 8

Total Gallons: 240

20 Gallon Bins: 0

Total Gallons: 0

Days Total: 8

Days Total Gallons: 240

Visitors:

Visit Reason:

Total Gals Harvested: Brought Forth: 660.00 Today: 240.00 Year To Date: 900.00

Total Dive Hours: Brought Forth: 12.0 Today: 6.0 Year To Date: 18.0

End of Day Issues: none

End of Day Equipment Check: # Tanks: 0 Gas: full Oil Level: ok Time X Data X



Otternic Pond / Harvest

Town of Hudson/ Phase 1

Date: Tuesday September 23, 2025
Dive Team: Nathan Adams
John Jude
Weather: Rain, Cloudy 60s
Est. Water Temp: 70s
Other:
Equipment Check: Yes
Issues: none

Job #: OP-2
Dash #: Little Blue
Arrive: 8:20 **Depart:** 15:30
Prepared By / Date Dominic Jude/October 1, 2025
Submitted To Georgia Brunell, NHDES, Exotic
Species Program Coordinator
Town of Hudson

Dive 1 - In Water Time:	9:00	Out Water Time:	12:00
Dive 2: In Water Time:	12:00	Out Water Time:	15:00
Dive 3 - In Water Time:		Out Water Time:	

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DIVER 1 Name: John

Area Harvested/GPS Location: NHDES survey points by boat launch / 42.7724575, -71.4253589

Gallons Pulled: 180

NHDES GPX Survey Points: 44

DIVER 2 Name: Nate

Area Harvested/GPS Location: NHDES survey points by boat launch / 42.772382, -71.4253917

Gallons Pulled: 120

NHDES GPX Survey Points: 1007

30 Gallon Buckets:	11	Total Gallons:	330
20 Gallon Bins:	0	Total Gallons:	0
Days Total:	11	Days Total Gallons:	330

Visitors:

Visit Reason:

Total Gals Harvested:	Brought Forth:	330.00	Today:	330.00	Year To Date:	660.00
Total Dive Hours:	Brought Forth:	6.0	Today:	6.0	Year To Date:	12.0

End of Day Issues: none

End of Day Equipment Check: # Tanks: 0 Gas: full Oil Level: ok Time X Data X



Otternic Pond / Harvest

Town of Hudson/ Phase 1

Date: Monday September 22, 2025

Dive Team: Nathan Adams

John Jude

Weather: Cloudy, 70s

Est. Water Temp: 70s

Other:

Equipment Check: Yes

Issues: none

Job #: OP-1

Dash #: Little Blue

Arrive: 8:00

Depart: 16:00

Prepared By / Date Dominic Jude/October 1, 2025

Submitted To Georgia Brunell, NHDES, Exotic
Species Program Coordinator

Town of Hudson

Dive 1 - In Water Time: 8:45

Out Water Time: 11:45

Dive 2: In Water Time: 12:00

Out Water Time: 15:00

Dive 3 - In Water Time:

Out Water Time:

KEY: (Density) L = Low M = Medium H = High X = Maximum (Harvest) S = DASH F = Hand

DIVER 1 Name: Nate

Area Harvested/GPS Location: NHDES survey points by boat launch / 42.7727053, -71.4253928

Gallons Pulled: 150

NHDES GPX Survey Points: 1056

DIVER 2 Name: John

Area Harvested/GPS Location: NHDES survey points by boat launch / 42.7726596, -71.4253535

Gallons Pulled: 150

NHDES GPX Survey Points: 1062

30 Gallon Buckets: 11

Total Gallons: 330

20 Gallon Bins: 0

Total Gallons: 0

Days Total: 11

Days Total Gallons: 330

Visitors:

Visit Reason:

Total Gals Harvested: Brought Forth: 0.00 Today: 330.00 Year To Date: 330.00

Total Dive Hours: Brought Forth: 0.0 Today: 6.0 Year To Date: 6.0

End of Day Issues: none

End of Day Equipment Check: # Tanks: 0

Gas: full

Oil Level: ok

Time X Data X

Run: 10/14/25
8:07AM

Expenditure Report - Including Carry Forward Activity
Budget vs Actuals
Town of Hudson, NH
As Of: September 2025, GL Year 2026

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Report Sorted Expenditure
AvsB - All

Account Number	Budget	Prior Year Encumbered	Budget & PY Adjustments	Net Budget	MTD Exp	YTD Exp	Encumbered	Balance Available	%Used
Conservation Fund									
Conservation Commission									
06-4619-5586-202-000	Conserv Comm, Sm. Equipment Mtce 3,091.00	0.00	0.00	3,091.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,091.00	0.000
06-4619-5586-217-000	Conserv Comm, Assoc Dues/Fees 1,327.00	0.00	0.00	1,327.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,327.00	0.000
06-4619-5586-235-000	Conserv Comm, Registration Fees 500.00	0.00	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	0.00	48,626.00	8,127.37	32,753.71	-26,891.51	42,763.80	12.056
Total Conservation Commission	53,544.00	0.00	0.00	53,544.00	8,127.37	32,753.71	-26,891.51	47,681.80	10.948
Total Conservation Fund	53,544.00	0.00	0.00	53,544.00	2,577.20	2,787.20	3,075.00	47,681.80	10.948
Selected Year	53,544.00	0.00	0.00	53,544.00	5,550.17	29,966.51	-29,966.51	0.00	0.000
Prior Year	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,127.37	32,753.71	-26,891.51	47,681.80	10.948
Sort Total	53,544.00	0.00	0.00	53,544.00					



The "Encumbered" amount appears as a "0" because our Finance Dept. had to re-open FY25 for the Annual Audit. We do still have some encumbered (carried over) P.O.'s, as shown on the explanation sheet. That amount should show again once they RE-CLOSE FY25.

FY26 Budget for each line item. Set by Town Engineer, based on prior year's expenditures and estimated needs in the coming fiscal

Encumbered amounts which indicate Purchase Orders for goods/ services that were placed in FY25, but were not yet expended by year end (6/30/25). These P.O.'s need to be "carried over" into the next fiscal

Net Budget =
Current Budget (FY26) plus Prior Year Encumbered Amt. (from FY25)

Month To Date Expenditures

Year To Date Expenditures

This is what is left of the Encumbered amount after expenditures

Bal. Avail. =
Net Budget minus both the YTD Exp. & Encumbered. (ie: Amount that is remaining in your budget)

Run: 9/03/25
3:04PM

Expenditure Report - Including Carry Forward Activity
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Report Sorted Expenditure
AveB - All

Account Number	Budget	Prior Year Encumbered	Budget & PY Adjustments	Net Budget	MTD Exp	YTD Exp	Encumbered	Balance Available	%Used
Conservation Fund									
Conservation Commission									
06-4619-5586-202-000	Conserv Comm, Sm. Equipment Mtce								
	3,091.00	0.00	0.00	3,091.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,091.00	0.000
06-4619-5586-217-000	Conserv Comm, Assoc Dues/Fees								
	1,327.00	0.00	0.00	1,327.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,327.00	0.000
06-4619-5586-235-000	Conserv Comm, Registration Fees								
	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.000
06-4619-5586-252-000	Conserv Comm, Prof Services								
	46,626.00	46,659.37	0.00	95,285.37	18,606.94	24,626.34	24,785.23	45,873.80	51.856
Total Conservation Commission	53,544.00	46,659.37	0.00	100,203.37	18,606.94	24,626.34	24,785.23	50,791.80	49.311
Total Conservation Fund									
Selected Year	53,544.00	0.00	0.00	53,544.00	210.00	210.00	2,542.20	50,791.80	5.140
Prior Year	0.00	46,659.37	0.00	46,659.37	18,396.94	24,416.34	22,243.03	0.00	100.000
Sort Total	53,544.00	46,659.37	0.00	100,203.37	18,606.94	24,626.34	24,785.23	50,791.80	49.311

Purchase Orders that we encumbered (carried over) from FY25 to FY26

Vendor	Project	Amt. Encumbered	P.O. # Encumbered
Aqualogic	DASH work @ Robinson& Ottarnic Ponds	\$25,600.00	CON25007
VHB, Inc.	Robinson Pond Boat Launch Design/MS4	\$17,438.37	CON24014
VHB, Inc.	Robinson Pond - NHDES Permitting	\$3,621.00	CON25006

This **\$2,542.20** amount was an **add-on** to the encumbered VHB P.O., for additional permitting fees for the Robinson Pond boat launch.

Conservation Commission Expenditure Report

Account Number	Account Description	Transaction Date	Vendor	Reference Number	Debits	Transaction Description	P.O. #	Encumbered P.O.
06-4619-5586-202	Con Comm, Sm. Equip. Mtce.							
06-4619-5586-202	Con Comm, Sm. Equip. Mtce.							
				TOTAL	\$ -			
06-4619-5586-217-000	Con Comm, Assoc Dues/Fees							
				TOTAL	\$ -			
06-4619-5586-252-000	Con Comm, Prof Services	7/14/2025	VHB, Inc.	480816	\$ 6,019.40	Robinson Pond Improvements - MS4 Permit	CON24014	ENC
06-4619-5586-252-000	Con Comm, Prof Services	8/11/2025	VHB, Inc.	483564	\$ 4,396.94	Robinson Pond Improvements - MS4 Permit	CON24014	ENC
06-4619-5586-252-000	Con Comm, Prof Services	8/13/2025	NH-PHL	209203	\$ 210.00	State - VLAP Testing @ Robinson Pond	CON26001	
06-4619-5586-252-000	Con Comm, Prof Services	8/19/2025	Aqualogic	2460	\$ 14,000.00	DASH/weed control @ Robinson Pond (50% match - DES)	CON25007	ENC
06-4619-5586-252-000	Con Comm, Prof Services	10/4/2025	Aqualogic	2481	\$ 10,200.00	DASH/weed control @ Robinson Pond (50% match - DES)	CON25007	ENC
06-4619-5586-252-000	Con Comm, Prof Services	9/18/2025	NH-PHL	210251	\$ 110.00	State - VLAP Testing @ Robinson Pond	CON26003	
				TOTAL	\$ 34,936.34			
				Total ENC	\$ 34,616.34			

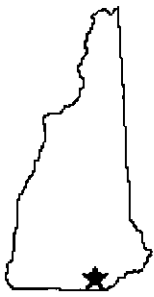
FY26

PO's cut but NOT YET EXPENDED:

06-4619-5586-252-000	Conserv Comm, Prof Services	9/2/2025	Evergreen Forest Mgmt	\$3,000.00	Musquash Conservation Area, treatment of knotweed.	
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Budget - Con. Comm.

Cmnty	5586 Conservation Commission	Unit	Price/Unit	Sub TTL	FY25	FY26	% Change
1XX	Temporary Part-time Salary and Taxes				0	0	0.0%
202	Small Equipment				2,300	3,091	34.4%
	Kiosks Update & Replacement			2,391			
	Small Trail Signs Replacements			400			
	Oil & Gas for equipment			200			
	Safety Equipment, such as gloves, safety glasses and ear protection			100			
217	Assoc Dues and Fees				1,327	1,327	0.0%
	NH Association of Conservation Commissions						
235	Registration Fees				500	500	0.0%
	NH Conservation Commission Annual meetings and other related seminars						
252	Other Professional Services				48,626	48,626	0.0%
	Volunteer Lake Assessment Program water testing			1,400			
	Lake Host Program			8,726			
	Invasive Weed Control (Herbicide at Ottarnic Pond and DASH at Robinson and Ottarnic Ponds) (6 months)			38,500			
	Town Land Stewardship						
	Upland Weed Control						
	Summary				0	0	0.0%
	Salary and Benefits				52,753	53,544	1.5%
	Operating Budget						
	Total				52,753	53,544	1.5%



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DATE: August 11, 2025

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

Carl Murphy
Chairman X

Ken Dickinson
Vice-Chair X

Christopher Cameron
Clerk X

John Walter
Member X

Kathy Griswold
Member X

Linda Krisciunas
Alternate E

David Morin
Selectman Rep X

Elvis Dhima
Town Engineer E

CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON AT

07:05 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Griswold

ROLL CALL

Mr. Cameron

SEATING OF ALTERNATES:

None

PUBLIC INPUT RELATED TO NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

None

Motion:

Mr. Dickinson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Griswold, to seal the meeting minutes from the non-public session at the 7/14/2025 meeting of the Hudson Conservation Commission.

The motion carried 5/0/0 and the minutes were sealed.

I. New Business

a. Wildlife Monitoring Program

Rem Roll, a professor at the University of New Hampshire, gave a presentation on the statewide wildlife monitoring program, which has a wildlife camera located at Benson Park in Hudson, among other locations across the state of NH. He discussed the equipment used, the procedures for counting wildlife and estimating populations (REST model), the wildlife species that are monitored, the distribution of those populations, and factors that influence wildlife health and populations.

Species counted included coyote, fisher, bobcat, red fox, and gray fox. There are approximately 251 wildlife monitoring sites statewide that are being used as part of the program. Mr. Roll indicated that bobcats cannot be legally trapped and that their population is larger than fishers in NH. Fisher populations are usually larger where bobcat populations are lower (e.g. Adirondack Mountains) and vice-versa. The highest variety of wildlife is often observed in the southeastern part of NH. Other species observed (but not counted) under the program include black bear, whitetail deer, squirrels, rabbits, martens (generally at higher elevations), and others.

It was mentioned that this round of the wildlife monitoring program is ending and a report is being finalized. There were no objections to continuing participation in the program and allowing the monitoring camera to remain at Benson Park for another 3 years.

b. Invasive Species Control

Eric Radloff of Evergreen Forest Management, LLC, performed a site walk with Mr. Murphy at Musquash Conservation Area and the Tiger Rd conservation property. He prepared a proposal for management of invasive species at these locations, including Japanese knotweed and poison ivy.

Motion:

Mr. Walter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cameron, to authorize the expenditure of up to \$4,375 to hire Evergreen to carry out the above-referenced invasive species proposal.

The motion carried 5/0/0.

II. Old Business

a. Zoning Ordinance Review Committee (ZORC) Meetings

Further discussion on potential topics for the upcoming meetings. Review of the collection of different ordinance language that Mr. Murphy compiled from other NH communities that have more Conservation Commission involvement. Commissioners will continue to look through the sample language and work to identify a handful of ideas to focus on and refine for the upcoming ZORC committee meetings this fall. The next ZORC meeting will likely be in October or later in

the fall as there is nothing on the calendar through 9/10/2025.

It was mentioned that any proposed language should be compared against current language to determine that it is new and/or different from existing ordinances/policies. Topics of specific interest included density bonus size for open space developments, tree planting requirements for subdivisions, preservation of natural features within developed sites (slopes, ledges, boulders, large/unique trees, etc.).

Selectman Morin referenced changes at the state level related to local ordinances and zoning restrictions, particularly related to housing. The Commission should verify which, if any, changes affect conservation-related language/proposals.

b. Hudson Trails Challenge

Trails that are included are marked and mapped, with the exception of the Tiger Rd property trails, which have no map currently. The challenge will begin around Labor Day and applications will be accepted starting then; patches will be distributed once they become available. The Commission is hoping to promote this program with a challenge whereby local school students can participate in a contest to design the patch. Mr. Cameron will update the checklist spreadsheet and seek more information on patches and a potential design contest.

Bob Macaraeg attended the meeting and inquired about how to document completion of the challenge, whether GPS files should be provided indicating the required trails have been hiked, how to request a patch, and where to find the trail maps. Mr. Macaraeg also suggested considering some type of sequence whereby hikers complete the trails in a certain order.

It was indicated that the application process would be based on the honor system and would likely be via email to the Town Administrator or Town Engineer – more details would be provided during the next meeting. The trail maps are found on the town website under Committees > Conservation Commission.

c. Proposed Bridges: Musquash-Gumpus Connector, Tiger Rd Property

Since the last meeting, Mr. Walter investigated potential crossing locations, measured depth of muck and crossing distances, and did some preliminary conceptual design for the bridge crossings. With the help of Mr. Murphy and Mr. Dickinson, a shorter crossing route was identified for the Gumpus Pond Connector that traverses a mixture of solid ground and muck. There was discussion about the variation in water level throughout the year and the need to observe the area during the fall, winter, and spring to determine the fluctuation, which will aid in the design of the proposed crossing. The crossing could likely be made with a combination of puncheon spans (bog bridges), boardwalk, and/or small single-span bridges. This type of work has been completed in the past by the Commission with volunteer labor and relatively low material costs. The Commission plans to meet with the Pelham Conservation Commission on-site on Monday 8/18 in the early evening – details to be provided to members by email.

III. Other Business

a. August Workday

The next work day is scheduled for 8:30am on Sun 8/17 at the Woodland Drive trailhead for the Musquash Conservation Area. Work will include replacing rope handrails with pressure-treated lumber, clearing vegetation, cutting downed trees, and additional trimming on the recently cleared Wilkinson View Trail. The sign for the Kimball Hill Town Forest parking area may also be installed.

IV. Financial Status

Discussion on the Conservation Fund status and report/update frequency. It was indicated that the report is likely only updated when there are deposits to or debits from the account – a quarterly update may be sufficient.

V. Correspondence

None

VI. Approval of Minutes

Motion:

Mr. Walter made a motion, seconded by Ms. Griswold, to accept the July 2025 regular meeting minutes.

The motion carried 5/0/0.

VII. Commissioners' Comments

Chairman Murphy requested that any documentation/handouts to be discussed during the meeting be sent via email prior to so it can be included in the packet.

Mr. Walter presented a poster that he had created to feature the Tiger Rd conservation area, which includes photographs, sketches, and articles related to the history of the site.

Mr. Walter also provided an update on the depth of muck and crossing distances for the Musquash-Gumpus connector trail/bridge at the previously identified and newly identified crossing locations.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion:

Ms. Griswold made a motion, seconded by Mr. Walter, to adjourn the meeting at 9:35pm.

The motion carried 5/0/0 and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Cameron", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Christopher Cameron, Clerk