

*Annual Monitoring Inspection ~ Date: 12/27/2020*

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**Town:** *Hudson*

**Grantor / Acres:** *Hamblett / 229.6 acres*

**Local Property Name:** *Musquash Conservation Land*

**Tax Map / Lot:** *236-019*

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***\_\_ Check here if ownership has transferred from owner listed below, and include:***

***Transfer Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Book / Page: \_\_\_\_\_***

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**Current Owner:** *Town of Hudson*

**Address:** *12 School Street*

**Town:** *Hudson*

**State:** *NH*

**Zip:** *03051*

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**Landowner Communications**

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A. For the **Conservation Easement** did you communicate with the landowner?

   Yes / Date: \_\_\_\_\_ or    No

B. For the **Municipally Owned Property** is there a management plan for the property?

   **X** Yes / Date of plan: Jan 2012 or NO

- ◆ Describe any **CE Landowner** – OR - **Municipality** communications regarding any changes noted from the past year, any considered in the coming year, and level of confidence there are no encroachments along any of the bounds. Include any other information you think could be valuable.

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Town: Hudson

Grantor / Acres: Nash / 203.5 acres

Local Property Name: Musquash Conservation Land

Tax Map / Lot: 219-003

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*Transfer Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Book / Page: \_\_\_\_\_*

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Current Owner: Town of Hudson

Address: 12 School Street

Town: Hudson

State: NH

Zip: 03051

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## Landowner Communications

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C. For the **Conservation Easement** did you communicate with the landowner?

     Yes / Date: \_\_\_\_\_ or   No  

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  X Yes / Date of plan: Jan 2012 or   No  

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## Monitoring Inspection Description

### **Provide a detailed description of where you walked and what you observed.**

List man-made alterations and management activities (conducted or planned) noting extent, location, purpose. Examples: construction, trails, timber harvest, clearing new fields, etc. Note if management activities being conducted are in accordance with a current Stewardship / Forest Management Plan. List natural alterations / occurrences - Examples: erosion, fire, ice, invasive species, flora / fauna, etc. Note locations and attach maps, photos, illustrations, etc. List people in attendance.

\* Attached to this report are:  GPS Track ~ or ~  Sketch /  Photos  Other (please list)

#### ◆ *Plot of monitoring survey GPS tracks*

*Over the past year, the Conservation Commission has conducted numerous trail maintenance work days at the Musquash Conservation Lands resulting in several significant activities:*

- 1. GPS Track of the property showing travel along property boundaries (Photo 1)*
- 2. New bridge at Second Swamp (Photo 2)*
- 3. Town GIS image showing bridge location (Photo 3)*
- 4. Property corner marking (Photo 4)*
- 5. Upgrade to parking*

*Monitoring surveys of the Musquash Conservation Land, encompassing both the Hamblett and the Nash Properties, were performed on 27 December 2020 by Hudson Conservation Commission members Ken Dickinson and Bill Collins. The GPS based track of this survey path is identified as Photo 1. In years past the boundary corners were marked with orange paint (Photo 4). During this inspection it was observed that the paint was fading and will need to be remarked at some future date. In addition to this specific survey, various members of the Conservation Commission walk the property on a regular basis and perform routine maintenance along the trail system.*

*With recent events limiting travel and outdoor recreational opportunities the Musquash Conservation property has seen a significant increase in the number of people using the property for hiking, hunting and other forms of recreation. With the dedicated work of commission members and local volunteers the trails are well maintained, easily passable and clearly marked. A new bridge was constructed in March of this year at the southern end of Second Swamp (reference Photo 2 and Photo 3). This stream crossing opens up another 50 acres for the public to enjoy and has the potential to extend the existing trail system into the town of Pelham.*

*Plans for the coming year include a new and improved parking area for visitors (Photo 5) and a better stream crossing near Woodland Drive. Other projects may include trail expansion into Pelham and improved trail marking along established routes.*

*\* It was documented in past reports that an abutting property owner was encroaching on conservation property by placing No Trespassing signs and other obstacles on town own land. The landowner also dropped trees from their property onto town land in order to prevent off road vehicles from entering onto his property. This past summer the issue was resolved after a brief meeting with town officials and the landowner. The landowner agreed to respect the property boundary now and in the future. All prior infringements were corrected and the HCC will continue to monitor the area for any new violations.*

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To the best of your knowledge, judgment, and observation, is there compliance?

  X   *Yes* /      *No or Uncertain (please explain):*

*\*At the time of writing this report the author feels that compliance to the LCIP stewardship requirements are being met.*

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*Please file this report in a secure location, provide a copy to the Selectmen, and send a copy to:*

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107 Pleasant Street – Johnson Hall  
Concord, NH 03301

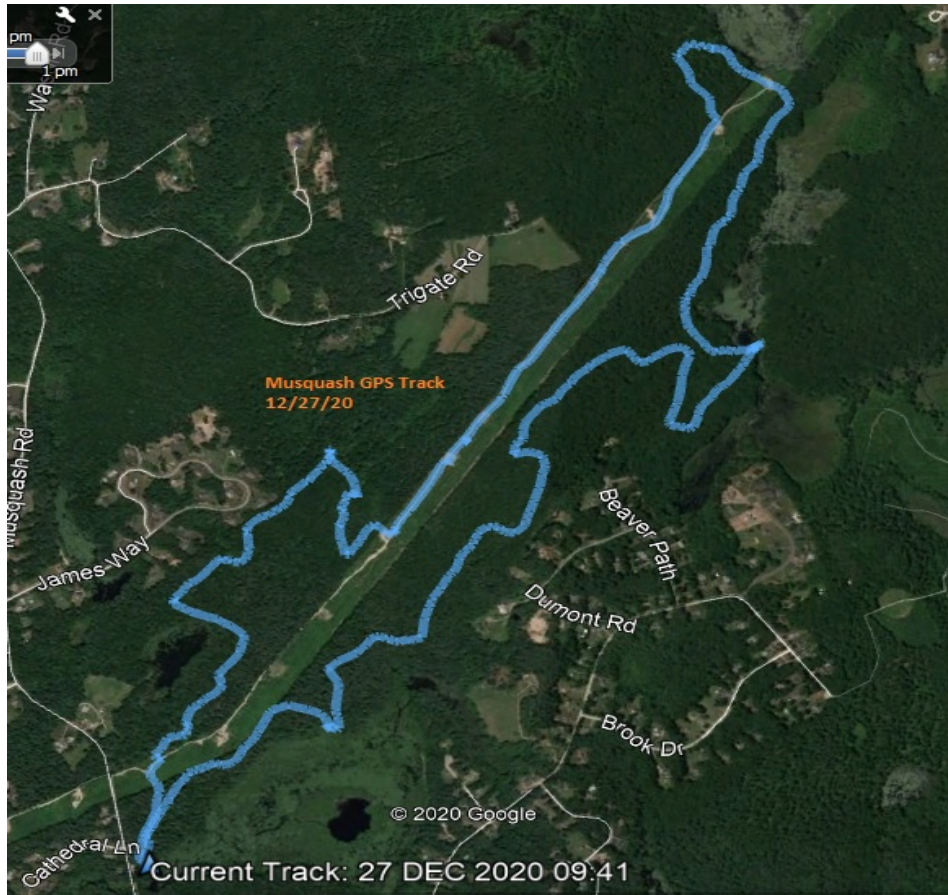


Photo 1: GPS track along the Musquash property boundaries.





Photo 2: Newly constructed bridge near Second Swamp

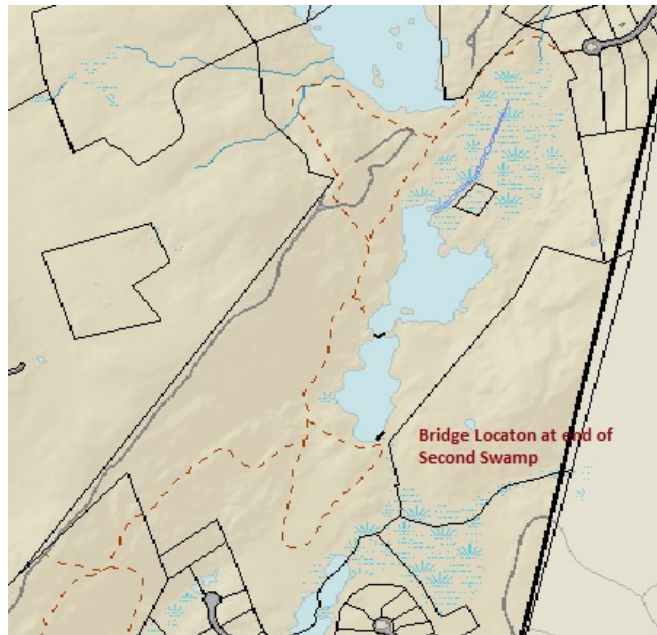


Photo 3: Bridge Location off the Nacook Loop



Photo 4: Corners of property marked with Orange Blazes

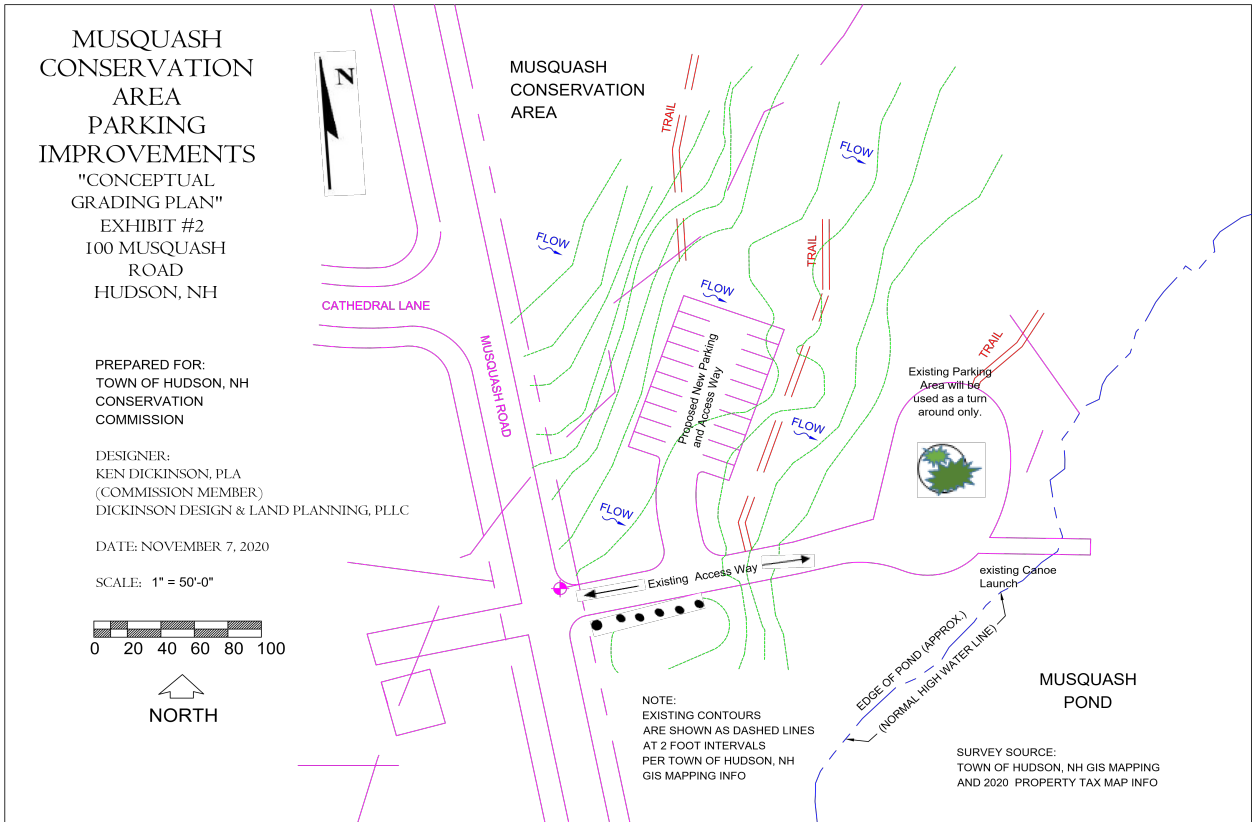


Photo 5: Approved upgraded parking area