

Master Plan Update, Chapter III- Natural Resources

Input from Bill Collins, Hudson Conservation Commission

Page 2 Third Paragraph last sentence

“Slopes of greater than 25% are not a significant challenge in Hudson.”

Not sure what author means by “challenge”. Maybe change to “There are few areas where slopes exceed 25% or greater in the Town of Hudson, ref Map III-2 –Slope.”

Page 5 Agricultural Soils, second paragraph

Because the author used “Almost no...”

Add: The town should consider inventorying the remaining Prime Farmlands and consider ways to preserve these areas from future development.

Page 9 Forests

Add: (Somewhere in the beginning of this section)

Over the years it has realized that forested land not only provides an improved quality of life to a community but it can also be used as a stream of revenue that supports further conservation and forest management efforts. Today Hudson has three dedicated forest areas that are used for such a purpose they are the 52 acre Colburn Town Forest, 78.6 acre Hudson Town Forest and 56.7 acre Rangers Town Forest. The Conservation Commission is charged with care of these lands and the group is actively pursuing expansion of these forests through abutting land acquisition.

Page 13 First Paragraph

Remove the sentence: “Another substantial forest block, northeast of Bush Hill Road ...” I believe that this refers to the Eagles Nest Development which has been built out.

Page 13 Second Paragraph

Change “trail” to “trails” and delete “loop” it’s more accurate as to what’s out there.

Page 18 Last Paragraph

Add: With increasing development taking place within the Wetland Conservation Overlay District the Planning Board should carefully evaluate Wetland Buffer areas during site plan review to ensure minimal disturbances to the buffers are achieved. A bi-annual review of the Wetland Conservation Overlay District Zoning regulation should be held to ensure the Town of Hudson is following all State and Federal Regulations.

Page 31 Last Paragraph – Existing Conservation Land

From:

The Conservation Commission plans to secure an access easement through dedicated open space on the adjacent Oak Ridge Development that would connect hiking trails from the Pelham Road site to Benson Park.

To:

With this acquisition the Conservation Commission and Town Staff secured an access easement through dedicated open space on the adjacent Oak Ridge Development that is used to connect hiking trails from the Pelham Road site to Benson Park.

Page 32- Map III-14 – Update

This map should be updated to show more recent conservation land purchases and conservation land negotiated through site plan review for the “Life is Good” warehouse (Friars Drive) and “Target” distribution center (Green Meadow). Residents may not have favored their presence in town but the final outcome was that Hudson gained conservation land, a river walk and required percentage of site specific open space.

Color me green--- the 36.2 acres on the southern end of Robinson Pond and 26.3 acres of land adjacent to the Hudson Town forest should be shaded in.

Page 33 – First Paragraph, last sentence

Remove: “and additions to Musquash Pond” (there were none), replace with “and Hudson Town Forest”

Second Paragraph

Just a reword

From: “...provides multiple trails including the 6.9 mile Musquash Pond Trail loop and supports outdoor recreational activities such as”

To: “...provides multiple trails totaling 6.9 miles in length and supports other outdoor activities such as mountain biking, walking, bird watching...”

Page 34

First paragraph

Change: “52-acre Kimball Hill conservation area”

To: “78.6 acre Hudson Town Forest”

Page 34

Third paragraph- last few sentences

Remove the two “however” the sentences read much cleaner without them.

Change “100% of the land use tax” to “75% of the land use tax”. The move to 100% failed by one vote when it proposed.

Page 39- Stewardship

Last Paragraph

Change: 'for the Rangers Town Forest" to "for Rangers Town Forest and Hudson Town Forest".

Add: Lastly, to further aide in overseeing our woodland resources an "appointed" 3 member Forestry Committee should be formed to assist in the decision making process for these unique parcels.

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Input from Ken Dickinson, Hudson Conservation Commission

Initial Comments regarding Hudson Master Plan Natural Resources Chapter:

Pg. 2: Isn't the highest point Bush Hill at 515 ft. versus Merrill Hill?

Pg. 9: You may want to mention the significant decline of White Pines due to the increase in various pests, diseases and drought conditions over the past decade.

Pg. 13: Musquash Conservation Area (name should be corrected and all three words should be capitalized).

Pg. 13: comments about Bush Hill Rd. and Brox should be updated.

Pg. 13: add comments about 2023 Merrill Park improvement project and future development of a boat launch at Green Meadows CC.

Pg. 14: Robinson Pond study should be mentioned and recent land acquisition along Robinson Pond Dr.

See chart and check status: not sure if Musquash Brook and Limit Brook are "free flowing" as there are major beaver dams on each brook. Both Musquash Pond and Robinson Pond have similar dams at their outlet.

Pg. 15 top: Add "As discussed on page 13"

Pg. 18: I think the summer camp comment is outdated as most structures have been converted into conventional residences.

Pg. 25: graphic appears to be outdated due to Franklin Rd. development

Pg. 31: add Rangers Town Forest and recently acquired extension of the Kimball Hill Town Forest.

Pg. 31: Existing Conservation Area paragraph should be updated. Double check amount of recent land acquisition versus easements. My hunch is that the total acreage of conservation land easements dedicated by land development, i.e. Franklin Rd. subdivision and many others, far exceeds the amount of acreage that was purchased from the Town Conservation Funds.

Pg. 31: Good example, however the easement was already secured.

Pg. 33: There was no addition to Musquash. It has always been the same size.

Pg. 34: update acreage in first sentence. Correct typo at end of paragraph.

Pg. 34: check percentage of Land Use Change Tax

Polygon on map is wrong as we did not purchase the farm on Griffin Rd.

Pg. 35: map needs update due to recent developments and land acquisitions

Pg. 37: 23 Acre parcel next to Benson Park is not recommended for acquisition due to its asbestos contamination and potential expense needed to upgrade the "loose fill" remediation cap that is not upto current remediation standards. See Steve Malizia and Elvis for more info...

Pg. 37: mention recent land acquisition along Robinson Pond Dr. (maybe 37 AC total)

Map III-17: map needs update

Pg. 39: also mention Kimball Hill Forest Plan which was updated prior to the harvest.

Main document changes and comments

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According to RSA 672:1,III-b- Agriculture makes vital and significant contributions to the food supply, the economy, the environment and the aesthetic features of the state of New Hampshire, and the tradition of using the land resource for agricultural production is an essential factor in providing for the favorable quality of life in the state. Natural features, terrain and the pattern of geography of the state frequently place agricultural land in close proximity to other forms of development and commonly in small parcels. Agricultural activities are a beneficial and worthwhile feature of the New Hampshire landscape. Agritourism, as defined in RSA 21:34-a, is undertaken by farmers to contribute to both the economic viability and the long-term sustainability of the primary agricultural activities of New Hampshire farms. Agricultural activities and agritourism shall not be unreasonably limited by use of municipal planning and zoning powers or by the unreasonable interpretation of such powers;

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The Town of Hudson encourages the pursuit of agriculture, promotes agriculture-based economic opportunities, and protects farmlands within the Town by allowing agricultural uses and related

activities to function with minimal conflict with abutters. Backyard farming and/or so called “Victory gardens” can provide cost saving nutrition while also providing relief from unexpected events like supply chain disruptions, product recalls, and has potential to combat against “food deserts”. Hudson should adopt policies that allow residents to utilize their properties for such uses.

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This section would be more attractive if there were a collage of more of these animals rather than just the one. A fun activity would be to get people to submit their snapshots for inclusion.		
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<p>The State of New Hampshire has provided for RSA 485-A:6, I and RSA 485-A:8, VI to ensure the State’s water resources are protected. The purpose of these rules is to establish water quality standards for the state’s surface water uses as set forth in RSA 485-A:8, I, II, III and V. These standards are intended to protect public health and welfare, enhance the quality of water and serve the purposes of the Clean Water Act and RSA 485-A. These standards provide for the protection and propagation of fish, shellfish, and wildlife, and provide for such uses as recreational activities in and on the surface waters, public water supplies, agricultural and industrial uses, and navigation in accord with RSA 485-A:8, I and II. Applicability. (a) These rules shall apply to all surface waters. (b) These rules shall apply to any person who causes point or nonpoint source discharge(s) of pollutants to surface waters, or who undertakes hydrologic modifications, such as dam construction or water withdrawals, or who undertakes any other activity that affects the beneficial uses or the level of water quality of surface waters.</p>		
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As such Hudson should adopt policies and procedures to restrict land uses that endanger these sensitive habitats.

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While the debate about the causes of climate change continues, the need to protect our infrastructure and prepare for droughts, floods, and major storms has always been a priority for the New Hampshire agencies, such as the New Hampshire Department of Transportation, and local governments.

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As the effects from climate change continue to present; the Town of Hudson should produce and publish plans to designate emergency response to floods, such as the one experienced in Hudson in 1936. That plan should include and Emergency Operations center, evacuation routes, temporary shelter, tools, and equipment required to rescue stranded people.

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Need better quality 300DPI also would like to see this twice. One with those state roads but also one with the major roads in Hudson.

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Hudson should promote natural and technological means to maintain and improve the water quality to ensure continued enjoyment by future generations.

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