



TOWN OF HUDSON

Conservation Commission



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DATE: September 9, 2024

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.).

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In attendance = X Alternates Seated = S Partial Attendance = P Excused Absence = E

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| William Collins Chairman <u> X </u> | Carl Murphy Vice-Chair <u> E </u> | Ken Dickinson Clerk <u> X </u> | Brian Pinsonneault Member <u> E </u> |
| John Walter Member <u> X </u> | Linda Krisciunas Alternate <u> X </u> | David Morin Selectman Rep <u> X </u> | Elvis Dhima Town Engineer <u> X </u> |
| Chris Cameron Alternate <u> X </u> | | | |

CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON AT 07:02 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

SEATING OF ALTERNATES:

Ms. Krisciunas was seated for Mr. Pinsonneault.

Public Input Related to Non-Agenda Items:

Kaydin from Troop 20 was present as he is working on his Communications merit badge.

I. New Business:

a. Conditional Use Permit Application, Subaru Expansion:

After an approx. 10 minute discussion, Motion to recommend approval of the revised Conditional Use Application as proposed by The Dubai Group, representing the applicant, Granite State Subaru, 6 Executive Dr. Map 210, Lot 1 for the proposed expansion of their existing facility along Lowell Road. Motion to recommend is based on the revised Grading, Drainage and Utility Plan (sheet 4 of 11) dated July 11, 2024 with 8 stipulations as submitted by Chairman Collins dated 9/9/24.

Motion by Mr. Dickinson. Motion seconded by Mr. Murphy. Motion carried 5/0/0.

b. Conditional Use Permit Application Discussion, Brox Industries Expansion:

As a follow up to our August site walk, Chairman Collins inquired if a letter should be drafted to ask NHDES about the ARM fund and decision making process of the impacted wetland areas.

Chairman Collins to draft an inquiry letter, for our next regular meeting, to confirm NHDES decision, including rationale for the taking and BAG Consultants intent to present a project.

II. Old Business:

a. Robinson Pond Boat Launch and Beach Area Improvement Project:

Mr. Dhima presented project updates. After a long discussion, a motion was made to support and recommend to the BOS the grant application for the improvements for the boat launch and beach area. This motion recommends unconditional public usage of the Robinson Pond Recreation Area, including the beach area, to everyone regardless of residence location. This motion was made with the understanding that it will make the project more viable for grant approvals and to obtain future monies for Robinson Pond improvement projects in the future. Mr. Dhima will present VHB proposal for acceptance at the September 24, 2024 BOS meeting. Mr. Dickinson and Mr. Walter supported the motion.

Motion by Mr. Murphy. Motion seconded by Mr. Walter. Motion carried 5/0/0.

b. NRPC Water Quality Planning 604(b) Program Grant Application:

After a shorter discussion, Motion to authorize the BOS Chairman to sign a Letter of Support to NRPC for the Water Quality Planning 604(b) Program Grant Application.

Motion by Mr. Murphy. Motion seconded by Mr. Walter. Motion carried 5/0/0.

III. Other Business:

a. Trail Work Day – 68 Pelham Road Conservation Area:

Trail Work Day is scheduled for September 21st from 9am-12pm in effort to install new trail markers, prune invasive shrubs and remove fallen trees from 68 Pelham Road lot.

b. Budget 2025/2026 FY

Mr. Dhima noted that our budget was approved by the BOS for a 1.5% net increase. The trail and small equipment maintenance line item is proposed to be increased by \$795.

c. HCC 2024/2025 Trail Improvement Activities List:

Chairman Collins asked the commission if there are other items to add to the list of potential trail improvement projects. Additional fallen trees in several locations were added to the list.

d. Picnic on the Pond Event:

Chairman Collins noted that all went well at this event. Several people attended from the community including Cathy Griswold, 8A Intervale Ct. Ms. Griswold noted that the event was very informative and others noted that the new app works well. Mr. Murphy mentioned that we would have benefit from more signage. Everyone thanked Ryan Friedman for his presentation of his new maps and trail software. A short discussion followed regarding the trail app and hiking throughout Hudson.

IV. Financial Status:

\$384.89 was spent last month for trail markers, chain, and other small equipment maintenance items. \$792,000 approx. is currently available in the Conservation Fund.

V. Correspondence:

Chairman Collins reviewed our monthly correspondence which included the following:

- a) Full Circle Forestry is in-process of obtaining a permit for invasive species treatment at Musquash Conservation Area.
- b) Map Purchase
- c) 2025 Control Grant Application

VI. Approval of Minutes:

- a. Meeting minutes for August 12, 2024 was accepted.
Motion by Ms. Krisciunas to accept minutes; seconded by Mr. Walter.

Motion Carried 4/0/1 (Note: Mr. Murphy abstained).

VII. Commissioner's Comments:

Mr. Morin reminded everyone to vote tomorrow.

VIII. Motion to adjourn:

Ms. Krisciunas to moved to adjourn our regular meeting at 9:05 PM; seconded by Mr. Murphy.

Motion Carried 5/0/0

Ken Dickinson

Ken Dickinson, Clerk