



TOWN OF HUDSON

Conservation Commission



William Collins, Chairman Dave Morin, Selectmen Liaison

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DATE: December 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

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



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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

SEATING OF ALTERNATES:

Public Input Related to Non-Agenda Items: None

New Business:

a. LCHIP Property Inspection Reports:

Reports for Musquash Conservation Area and Bockes Memorial Forest were discussed by Chairman Collins. Mr. Dickinson noted that downed trees were recently cleared from the trails at the Musquash Conservation Area; however the trail crossings under the powerline corridor could use pruning and a minor pruning effort at Bockes Memorial Forest.

I. Old Business:

a. Expenditure Reports/Treasurer Position:

The Treasurer position topic was deferred until the next regular meeting due to the absence of Ms. Krisciunas (out sick). Expenditure Reports were discussed. Mr. Dickinson noted that the reports provide much better information than we had in the past, i.e. approx. \$26,000 was expended for aquatic invasive treatment. The majority of the remainder was expended by VHB for the Robinson Pond boat launch/beach renovation project. A short discussion regarding Full Circle Forestry Services followed in effort to review and follow up with their services at Musquash Conservation Area in May 2025 and have upland invasive treatment services scheduled earlier next year. Mr. Collins expressed that the detailed reports are helpful to have moving forward in 2025.

II. Other Business:

a. Trail Work Day:

Findings of stream crossing at Musquash Conservation Area leading into Gumpas Conservation Area were discussed between Mr. Murphy and Mr. Collins. There are two basic options. Option A: approx. 20' crossing at a beaver dam. Option B: approx. 100' crossing which requires a more involved boardwalk installation. Mr. Murphy is looking forward to completing this project with Pelham in 2025.

b. ZORC Update:

Mr. Walter provided a list of ten items that ZORC provided to the Planning Board for consideration which included the formation of a Rural Residential District and definition of "Snow Dump" area.

III. Financial Status:

No new expenditures in December by the Commission. An itemized list was provided in our packets that showed the breakdown of consultant expenses. Conservation Fund = \$800,000 approx. Chairman Collins anticipates that \$500 will be added to our Small Equipment Maintenance line item as the BOS and Budget Committee voted in favor of our request for a minor amount of additional funds.

IV. Correspondence:

Chairman Collins reviewed our monthly correspondence.

Mr. Walter attended the NHACC annual conference and discussed his activities during this event.

Mr. Collins reminded everyone about the annual spring conference "Saving Special Places" in April.

Mr. Cameron attended the recent GIS mapping lecture/presentations at NRPC. A short discussion continued regarding NRPC services. Chairman Collins and other members highly recommended their

organization for mapping and other planning related services. Chairman Collins also indicated that he has been copied on Bruce Gilday's NHDES permitting correspondence for the Brox Expansion Project. Mr. Walter mentioned that UNH Forestry organization has a public meeting/presentation at Pelham's Town Complex on Wed. December 11.

V. Approval of Minutes:

None

VI. Commissioner's Comments:

Mr. Collins and Mr. Pinsonneault informed the Commission that they are unable to serve another concurrent term. All members including Selectman Morin thanked both Mr. Collins and Mr. Pinsonneault for their valuable community service throughout the years. Additionally, Mr. Collins and Selectman Morin thanked all members for their continued service.

Mr. Pinsonneault mentioned that he is willing to continue installing the 5 remaining duck boxes and maintaining the recently installed boxes as well. He intends to continue this service and assist the commission with outdoor projects to the extent that time allows. Mr. Collins looks forward to continuing to assist with efforts for our bridge/trail related projects.

Mr. Cameron inquired about the Pelham Trails subcommittee. Mr. Walter and Mr. Collins explained how it functions in Pelham. Mr. Murphy expressed some interest in potentially forming a trails subcommittee.

Mr. Walter inquired about the Robinson Pond Improvement Project. Selectmen Morin noted that the BOS recently approved the project and that it is currently under review by the Budget Committee. Town Engineer, Elvis Dhima, is providing additional information to the Budget Committee for further review.

Mr. Dickinson expressed interest in contacting the developer for the new subdivision under construction off of Barrett Hill Road to inquire if they would be willing to construct a hiking trail in the common open space that would allow the public to experience the expansive mountain views from the hilltop. He expressed interest in further developing trails on the recently purchased conservation parcel in effort to link a trail from the Robinson Pond conservation lands on both sides of the pond upto Barrett Hill. The current dam appears to already provide a good base for a future boardwalk or footbridge across the Robinson Pond outlet. Lastly, Mr. Dickinson informed the public of a ZBA meeting on Thursday, December 12th regarding a variance request for 72 Burns Hill Rd. which was previously identified as a parcel that had potential conservation value to the Town of Hudson as it abuts other Town owned properties and the Miles Swamp wetland complex.

VII. Motion to adjourn:

Mr. Murphy to moved to adjourn our regular meeting at 8:09 PM; seconded by Mr. Cameron.

Motion Carried 5/0/0

Ken Dickinson

Ken Dickinson, Clerk