



# TOWN OF HUDSON

## Conservation Commission



Carl Murphy, Vice Chairman

Dave Morin, Selectmen Liaison

---

12 School Street • Hudson, New Hampshire 03051 • Tel: 603-886-6008 • Fax: 603-816-1291

**DATE: January 13, 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

Vacant  
Chairman E

Carl Murphy  
Vice-Chair X

Ken Dickinson  
Clerk X

John Walter  
Member X

Linda Krisciunas  
Alternate X

David Morin  
Selectman Rep X

Elvis Dhima  
Town Engineer E

Chris Cameron  
Alternate X

---

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

SEATING OF ALTERNATES: Ms. Krisciunas and Chris Cameron were seated as regular members.

Public Input Related to Non-Agenda Items:

None

## **I. New Business:**

### **a. Election of Officers:**

Annual election of officers was discussed briefly, however it was ultimately deferred as Chris Cameron should be voted in as a regular member at the next BOS meeting prior to electing officers. Ms. Krisciunas informed us that she chooses to remain an alternate member due to work travel obligations. In effort to reduce clerical responsibilities, Mr. Dickinson will explore the possibility of utilizing a computer software App to automatically take minutes. Minutes will need to be edited down and formally submitted by the clerk/secretary on a monthly basis.

Motion to defer annual election by Ms. Krisciunas, seconded by Mr. Walter.

Motion Carried 5/0/0

### **b. Trails Sub-Committee:**

Item was discussed amongst all members. Mr. Walter noted that a subcommittee could support or lead monthly guided hikes, direct volunteers to perform trail maintenance, outreach to senior groups, etc. Mr. Walter and Mr. Cameron will contact Pelham CC to obtain more information regarding their sub-committee operations. Ms. Krisciunas asked if subcommittee activities could be posted either on HCTV or Facebook. Selectman Morin confirmed that postings for scheduled events and other basic information would be allowed. He confirmed another possible task for the committee would be outreach, i.e. creating a Facebook post and/or working with HCTV to develop a series of small outreach shows on different topics (<15 minutes each). Mr. Murphy stated that we should highlight each conservation property on HCTV. Some concern was expressed that it may not be necessary at this time to form a subcommittee as the HCC currently has a light agenda and could perform these tasks as regular HCC members. Selectman Morin encouraged us to form a subcommittee once we fill our open positions. This item is intended to be discussed again at the next regular meeting pending new information.

### **c. Trail connection from Musquash Conservation Area into Gumpas Conservation Area:**

Trail work day was scheduled for January 18 at 8:30am, meeting at Hinds Lane parking area in Pelham. Review potential stream/wetland crossings for the new connection trail. Mr. Murphy mentioned that the shortest stretch to cross is less than 20 feet. The other crossing that he looked at in 2024 is much longer. Other tasks to complete are to install trail markers along the Musquash Brook Trail and Wilkinson Trail and prune trails under power lines in the Musquash Conservation Area. Mr. Murphy will reach out to the Pelham Conservation Commission regarding this project. Mr. Dickinson mentioned the possibility of reviewing a crossing at Robinson Pond Dam as well.

## **II. Old Business:**

### **a. Expenditure Reports/Treasurer Position:**

The Treasurer position topic was briefly discussed as Ms. Krisciunas wants to remain an alternate member and other members did not express interest in creating a new position on the committee at this time.

Expenditure Reports were briefly discussed. Ms. Krisciunas mentioned that it could be organized chronologically. More detail could be provided to better identify each professional service line item. Mr. Dickinson mentioned that the Town Engineer could clarify these expenditures. Selectman Morin stated that we could request a better breakdown of professional service activities, especially for VHB activities.

### **III. Financial Status:**

In December, \$1050.00 was expended for annual NHACC dues and \$7,545.60 expended for professional services related to the Robinson Pond Boat Launch/Beach Improvement Project. Mr. Walter inquired about these professional services. Selectman Morin reminded the HCC that they were for design, engineering, survey and permitting services that are required for the Town's MS4 permit compliance.

### **IV. Correspondence:**

None

### **V. Approval of Minutes:**

Mr. Walter moved to accept the December 9, 2024 regular meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Cameron.

Motion Carried 5/0/0

### **VI. Commissioner's Comments:**

Mr. Dickinson reminded members to utilize the winter months for other tasks as follows:

Build Trail Kiosk

Update Open Space Master Plan

Review new regulations at local/state/federal levels

Outreach to Land Trust Organization

Revisit potential land acquisitions

Link Musquash Conservation Area to Colburn Town Forest via a hiking trail.

Maintain/Enlarge view along Monadnock View Trail in Colburn Town Forest.

Connect trail segments at 68 Pelham Road.

Clear better view to new kiosk at 68 Pelham Road

Ms. Krisciunas looks forward to formally selecting a few of these projects for the HCC to complete in 2025. She stated that Mr. Darby was awarded his Eagle Scout merit badge recently.

Mr. Cameron asked if there were any applicants for the HCC open positions. Mr. Murphy replied in the negative; however he was uncertain if Kathy Griswold had applied. Mr. Murphy asked Mr. Dickinson to reach out to Kathy Griswold to determine if she remains interested in being appointed a regular HCC member.

Mr. Cameron inquired about a creating parking area for Colburn Town Forest. A brief discussion followed. Mr. Dickinson mentioned that a sign or kiosk installation would better identify the trailhead location at Musquash Road and add another sign/kiosk located at the Trigate Road/Homestead Lane intersection. He mentioned that it would be difficult to construct a parking area along Musquash Road due to the wetland buffer restrictions. It would be a good reason to pursue linking the Colburn Town

Forest with the Musquash Conservation Area with a short trail and update our trail maps accordingly. The new parking area at Musquash Conservation Area could function as the primary trailhead for both properties.

Mr. Murphy mentioned that each member should consider adopting a conservation area property for trail maintenance and other trail work activities.

**VII. Motion to adjourn:**

Mr. Walter moved to adjourn our regular meeting at 8:06 PM; seconded by Mr. Cameron.

Motion Carried 5/0/0

*Ken Dickinson*

Ken Dickinson, Clerk