

Hebron Conservation Commission
January 25, 2017
Draft Minutes

Martha Twombly called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Present: Martha Twombly, co-chair, Suzanne Smith (co-chair), Curtis Mooney (alt), George Andrews, Bruce Barnard.

Guests: Sean Sweeney (Headwaters Hydrology, Littleton), Brooke Smart (NRCS, Dover), Parker Griffin, Mavis Brittelli, David Brittelli

Minutes of October 26 meeting were reviewed and a minor typo corrected. Suzanne made a motion to accept minutes. Bruce seconded. All concurred. George and Curtis abstained because they were absent.

Little Bog Farm LLC Wetland Restoration Project

Sean Sweeney and Brooke Smart gave presentation on Little Bog Farm Stream and Wetland Restoration Project. Little Bog Farm is a 68-acre parcel which has been conserved under an easement by NRCS/USDA. Seven acres has been held out of the easement.

Sean's powerpoint presentation was thorough and included explanations of how:

1. stream would be rerouted closer to its original course prior to gravel removal; the stream will be rebuilt with a pool and falls design to mimic the natural stream and reduce water velocity.
2. Certain areas of property would become sod and bush 'donor areas' and this moving of sod and bushes and how replanting along the relocated stream would provide stabilization of stream bank and riparian buffer along stream.
3. He explained that a spillway would be installed at downside of pond to slow movement of water into wetland
4. Piles of topsoil which were abandoned after gravel removal will be used to replace topsoil after sod and bushes are moved.

There was also discussion of undersized culvert on town owned portion of Cooper Road near Town Shed where there is usually water over the road. Sean estimated the amount of water reaching this culvert will likely be greatly reduced when the restoration is completed.

After thorough review, Bruce moved that we accept the plan as presented and authorize the chair to sign off on the expedited permit. George seconded the motion and all concurred. The Commission members requested 2 site visits for public review, at the mid-point and following restoration to educate the public about the project. This would be scheduled at a time Brooke and Sean are already on site, so as to avoid additional costs.

Permit Review:

La Vecchia - 13 Rogers Ledge. Martha toured this property with Matt Barnard but DES wanted more information. Approved with conditions received Jan 20, 2017.

Janet and Javier Flores - Route 3A Timber cut just above Nell Allen's property on North Mayhew Turnpike. 5 acre piece. Completed notification.

Eileen Niejadlik Crystal Springs Road State approved wetland permit with conditions
Town of Hebron - Crescent Lane - approval with conditions (dry hydrant).

Jon Martin - Basal Area Variance on Hazelton property for wildlife habitat improvement. approved.

Tom Hahn - Green Acre Woodlands - requested to remove more than 50 percent of the basal area variance to improve wildlife habitat. approved.

Green Acre Woodland - Complete Forestry notification received December 30. (Former Frazian property.)

Daniel Burke - Indian Point wetlands approved with conditions received January 23.

Upcoming Conferences: Saving Special Places is in April this year. Guest speaker is Terry Tempest Williams.

Martha asked approval of Conservation Commission for the following annual memberships: \$55 membership to Society of Protection of NH Forests - Bruce made motion to approve and George seconded. All concurred.

\$35 membership to NHTOA Curtis made motion to approve and George seconded. All concurred.

\$20 NH Association of Conservation Commission. Suzanne made motion to approve payment and Curtis seconded. All concurred.

George made a motion that the Conservation Commission sponsor the Red Barn Series with Audubon for \$200. Curtis seconded and all concurred.

June 3 is National Trails Day. Martha is coordinating with Andrew at NLRA to try to have various organizations participate in hikes the Newfound Watershed. Suzanne volunteered to lead a hike.

Bruce shared legislation that is upcoming in the legislature regarding Shoreland Protection and Wetland Buffers. Suzanne explained bill status to members.

Wetlands bill HB486 is going to subcommittee

Shoreland Protection bill SB30 has been passed out of committee and once it passes the Senate will come to House Resources Committee which Suzanne serves on in March or April.

HB258 related to Septic systems was heard in Resources Committee but no vote has been taken on it yet.

Members are asked to review HCC Report for Town Annual Report which Martha sent out. It is due on Friday.

Bruce made motion to adjourn and George seconded. All concurred and meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Smith, Co-chair and Acting Secretary