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**Hebron Conservation Commission**

**Jan. 27, 2016 meeting minutes**

**Approved 3/23/2016 (no meeting in February)**

In attendance: Martha Twombly, Bruce Barnard, Curtis Mooney, George Andrews

Excused: Suzanne Smith, Mavis Brittelli, Pat Moriarty

1. December 2 minutes reviewed and approved with minor corrections. CM/BB, unanimous.
2. Updates from assignments from the Dec. minutes, re: Cons Comm wants to have more public presentations/Activities:
  - a. Suzanne attended the Dec. 3 Selectboard meeting to communicate about the Cons. Comm's motion to move ahead with obtaining estimates for the removal of leaning trees and blocking trees in the Cockerhatch River.
  - b. Bruce will supply photos of areas needing maintenance on the Esty Bridge over the Cockerhatch at the Hebron Town Forest. George will ask that the Capital Improvement Plan include a line item for this maintenance. The Hebron Cons Comm will schedule an inspection in the near future and make further recommendations to the Selectboard.
  - c. Activities on the Hebron TF. Feb. 21, Dr. Rick Van de Poll will lead Newfound trackers and Hebron invitees on a tracking trek, followed by a public presentation about local wildlife.
  - d. George will research when the Hebron Church is available for a potential "Eyes on Owls" presentation for April or May. \$495 + \$115 travel.
3. RE: Harvesting in Hebron Town Forest. The members voted (GA/BB, unanimous) to authorize Martha to draft a letter to the Selectboard suggesting that they:
  - a. Have a forester revisit the Forest Management Plan (Jon Martin or Foreco).
  - b. Have the forester review and meet with Dr. Van de Poll about the critical wildlife habitat and natural communities.
  - c. Meet with the Cons Comm about recently designated trails, and avoiding them.
  - d. Have the forester make new recommendations after researching the resources and markets, informed by the ecological/wildlife assessment.
  - e. Have the forester and Dr. Van de Poll present their review and recommendations at a duly-noticed public meeting, and allow for comments from residents.
  - f. Take the recommendations to a special public hearing and special town meeting for a town vote.

The Heb CC will review and sign the final letter at the Feb. meeting.

4. Reviewed the 2016 budget – level funded at \$5,000 for trails work, signage (trails, avoiding damage to plants, buffer restoration, take in /take out), public activities, public amenities, professional development (workshops, conferences).

5. Other business

a. Bruce was interested in an article about the old “sluiceway.”

b. Curtis asked about application for blasting on the McLane property re: eagle nesting?

6. Other speakers: Ben Killam?

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 (GA/BB, unanimous)