Hebron Conservation Commission
January 28, 2015
Minutes
Approved 2-24-15

The January meeting of the HCC was called to order at 7:05 pm by Chair, Martha Twombly. Also in attendance were Mavis Brittelli, Suzanne Smith and George Andrews. Mavis was elevated to full member member.
Suzanne made a motion to accept the minutes from the September 24 meeting. Mavis seconded the motion. All concurred.
Mavis made a motion to accept the October minutes as amended. Martha seconded the motion. All concurred.
Mavis made a motion to accept the November minutes as amended. Martha seconded the motion. All concurred.
Suzanne made a motion to accept the December minutes. Mavis seconded. All concurred.

Permit Review
Paul Merrill -- Rte 3A across from Onaway - timber harvesting by Timber Wolf Logging. DES Management File #2014-02966
DES conducted an inspection of the property to determine compliance with RSA 482A, rules and AOT statutes. Property was not in compliance for a number of reasons. DES instituted a number of requirements to bring the project up to statute. Letter signed by Jeff Blecharezyk, Compliance Officer for DES Land Resources Management Program.

Hebron Town Forest
Suzanne reviewed what she, John and Nate learned in hiking and scouting out the Blue trail in the Town Forest. She reported that the area northeast of Spectacle Pond is crisscrossed with small streams and wet areas which they needed to bypass. Also, it gets very steep and there are boulder fields so building a trail will have to be a 2 or 3 year project. Any trail will need to bypass the wet areas. Martha will present the December minutes to the Selectboard stating the challenges of using Town Forest trails for emergency services. Nate wrote up a report on his recon/scouting of the Blue trail – beginning just down slope from Spectacle Pond and circling up to the middle of the forest ledges.

George remarked that the blazes on the trail are confusing in some places particularly at the center of the figure 8 on the Cockermouth Ledge Trail.
He also stated that one area along the Cockermouth is very slippery and Nate fell in.
George recommended that we have Town Forest trail days – twice a year -- snowshoe season and warm weather. Nature walks with a leader who knows plants, birds etc.
Suzanne will email the Selectboard about plowing the Town Forest parking lot.

Spectacle Pond
Spectacle Pond Association informed the Conservation Commission that homeowners on the pond have observed white scum identified as Dinoflagellate bloom. Without testing there is no way to find out what is causing this non-toxic algal bloom. SPA is asking Hebron to pay for membership in DES' Voluntary Lake

Assessment Program for the pond. The cost for annual membership is $180. SPA members will take the training and do the labor involved.
Mavis made a motion that the Hebron Conservation Commission pay the annual $180 fee for DES' Voluntary Lake Assessment Program (VLAP). Suzanne seconded the motion. All concurred.

Mavis made a motion that Martha write a letter to the Selectboard recommending that they research other possibilities than town forest for emergency management access. Suzanne seconded the motion. Martha will include December minutes where the Conservation Commission discussed the topography of the land including streams , wetlands and boulders.

Suzanne made a motion that we renew our membership with SPNHF Society for Protection of NH Forests for $55.00. Mavis seconded the motion and all concurred.

There being no further business to discuss, Suzanne made a motion to adjourn. Mavis seconded. All concurred The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Smith, Acting Secretary