

## Hebron Conservation Commission

Minutes February 25, 2015

Meeting was called to order by Martha Twombly at 7:03 pm. Present were: Martha Twombly, Suzanne Smith, Bruce Barnard, George Andrews and Curtis Mooney (alternate). Curtis was raised to a regular member for the meeting.

Martha welcomed Curtis to the Conservation Commission.

**January Minutes:** George made a motion to accept the minutes as amended (one typo) and Suzanne seconded the motion. All concurred.

**Cockermouth River:** Martha has spoken with Nate and he has a new winch system which might be useful for cleaning up logs that are leaning into the river. Additionally, Bruce suggested we look at the logs that have fallen and are blocking the river. He also said that a lot of the wood is hardwood so it has value. Paul Hazelton and other neighbors might be interested in doing some of the work themselves. Challenge is getting to the river. We have deep snow at present and then fast moving water in early spring. George volunteered to go out with Bruce to mark trees along the Town Forest and Britelli property in late spring.

**Groton Conservation Commission:** Hebron has been invited to meet with their Cons Comm on March 12, Thursday at 7 pm. Meet at 6:40 in Hebron and carpool up to Groton.

**Hebron Town Forest:** Casey has plowed the parking lot. George suggested that in the spring, we re-blaze the yellow trail and better mark the intersection near the 4 corners (fungo tree).

Discussion of Drs. Smith and Willey Report--Management Plan was discussed as regarding the fields along the Cockermouth in the Town Forest. Erosion is also an issue on the river. Grafton County Conservation District is a possibility for giving us advice on how to avoid erosion along the river. Fish and Game might also be interested because of salmon spawning upstream.

The Conservation Commission will draft a letter to the Select board clarifying when and where mowing should not happen to better protect nesting birdlife and wood turtle habitat. Martha will write a draft and members will review at March meeting.

Martha reminded members that Art Cummings and Mavis Britelli are up for renewal this year.

Martha has the Newfound Watershed Master Plan printed up and it will be on the HCC shelf in the Land Use Room. It is also available on the NLRA website.

Discussion of what can be done about timber harvesting improperly after approval of intent to cuts/alteration of terrain permits. Martha indicated on map that recent logging operation did not even get a wetland permit.

There was some question as to what our wetland protection overlay district spells out. Curtis will review the town's wetland ordinance.

Discussion of the option of harvesting timber in the town forest. Bruce suggested that Bruce Schwaegler come and show his slide show.

Bruce informed the HCC about the Culvert Maintainer Certification Training through DES. He suggested that the town consider sending someone to this program to keep the town up to date on the issue of culverts. George said that the Capital Improvement Plan is including culvert replacement in their recommendations. All agreed that it would be beneficial to have someone trained as a culvert maintainer for the town. Bruce will research what the cost of the class is.

There being no further items to discuss, Suzanne made a motion to adjourn. George seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Smith  
Acting Secretary