

Hebron Conservation Commission

Approved Minutes

March 25, 2015

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

Present: Bruce Barnard, Martha Twombly (Chair), Pat Moriarty, George Andrews, Mavis Brittelli (Alt), Curtis Mooney (Alt).

Hazard Mitigation Update

Martha revised the order of the agenda to welcome Ivan Quinchia to give an update on the conversations of the **Hebron Hazard Mitigation Committee**. He said their charge is to identify potential hazards of all sorts to the human population of the town. These items include:

- Culverts – repairs, failures, siltation into brooks, damage from such activities such as logging, concerns about damage due to development of wind facilities.
- Drinking Water Quality - Baseline of wells and condition – Mavis stressed the importance of testing at the source, George suggested testing at the tap.
- Blasting for roads
- George said he would write an article for the newsletter regarding the importance of testing water quality.

Martha elevated Curtis to full member. Mavis said she is interested in being a full member and left the meeting.

Permits – none

Hebron Town Forest update

- Trails - Nate will start work on the “blue trail” route this spring. Suzanne and George would like to assist.
- Logging – Bruce mentioned this can be done under the conservation easement. Martha pointed out that this is under the authority of the Selectboard, and any plans have to be reviewed by the Forest Society. Curtis suggested that a public hearing be held before any discussions of logging.
- Cockermouth River Tree Removal – Martha said the late John Lloyd had planned on inventorying and mapping “leaning” trees along the Cockermouth, so a plan could be made for their removal before they fall into the river. The main concern is loss of banks and erosion. Nate Preisendorfer is able to do some of the removal work. George may be able to do some of this work. Bruce suggested contacting Grafton County for this type of work.

Governance – Bruce Barnard moved, Pat Moriarty seconded the nomination of Martha as Chair. Unanimous. Bruce moved and Pat seconded the nomination of Suzanne Smith as Vice-Chair. Unanimous.

Adjournment. Pat moved and Bruce seconded that the meeting adjourn at 8:30 pm. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Twombly