

Hebron Conservation Commission Minutes
April 27, 2016

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

Martha called the meeting to order at 7:01. Curtis was elevated to full member.

Minutes of the March meeting were reviewed. Curtis recommended some editorial changes. George made a motion to approve minutes as amended. Suzanne seconded the motion. Four votes to accept the minutes. No objections. Curtis Mooney abstained because he was absent.

Permits: There were no permits to review.

Mail: A letter was received from the Spectacle Pond Association thanking Hebron Conservation Commission for paying the state fee for testing the pond's water.

Conservation Commission Activities-Town Forest

Jon Martin will be working on trails cutting trees Saturday. Martha and Suzanne will be assisting. This is in preparation for Berea Trail Day on May 29. Martha asked members of the Conservation Commission to help set up the work crews on that day. We are still in need of tools for volunteers. Members were asked to drop rakes and clippers off at either Suzanne's or Martha's. George, Suzanne and Martha volunteered to help on trail day. Martha will ask Bob Wiesnewski to participate that day.

We now have educational and informative signs for town forest and the Charles Bean Sanctuary.

Bridges in town forest After consulting with Jon Martin, George reported that because there is such a short period of time when a bridge is needed over the two streams, and that building a bridge will make the town liable, he recommends that we should abandon the plan to build the bridges. After a discussion, the commission concurred on this decision.

Newfound Week sponsored by NLRA is July 23-30. Martha asked if any member wanted to lead a hike that week. The Hebron Fair is July 30. George and Suzanne offered to share responsibility for a Hebron Conservation Commission table at the fair with information about the Town Forest and other conservation lands

Members discussed the benefits to the town of the conservation of Little Bog Farm/former Davis Farm. This will be further discussed at the next meeting.

Suzanne shared the blurb she wrote for the town newsletter inviting the public to the next Conservation Commission meeting concerning recreation in the town forest. After minor changes, Suzanne was authorized to submit the blurb by the deadline. (copy attached) The May conservation commission meeting was moved to May 18, because of a scheduling conflict. George volunteered to put together a survey if turn out for listening session is not what we anticipate.

George suggested that we purchase 2 picnic tables for the town forest. Curtis stated that picnic tables that cannot easily stolen can cost upwards of \$500. He suggested Karen would know where to get them. George will research prices of tables. There was also discussion

of where tables will be placed. If they are behind the gate, there is not a strong likelihood that they will be stolen. The picnic table near the bridge has been there over a year.

The annual Lakes Congress sponsored by NH Lakes Association will be held June 2 and 3 in Meredith. The Timberland Owners Association Annual meeting is also coming up. Members may be reimbursed if they wish to attend either of these education opportunities.

There being no further business to discuss, Suzanne made a motion to adjourn. Curtis seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Smith, Acting Secretary

Blurb for May 2016 Town Newsletter

Hebron Town Forest

Open to all ~

Fields ~ Forest ~ Wetlands~ Ledges ~ Cliffs ~River ~ Spectacle Pond

Hiking and walking trails ~ Wildlife viewing ~ Bird watching ~ Picnicking

The Hebron Town Forest belongs to all Hebron residents. Learn more about our Town Forest when the Conservation Commission hosts a listening session at our May meeting. We want to hear from you and will try to answer your questions.

Do you visit the town forest? Are you a walker? A hiker? a snowshoer? a snowmobile user? kayaker? picknicker? Interested in flora and fauna?

What recreational uses should stewards of the Town Forest be focusing on?

Please join us Wednesday, May 18 and be part of the conversation. 7:00 pm Land Use Room, Town Offices.

Questions, contact Suzanne 715--0086 or Martha 744-6332.