

**Hebron Conservation Commission**  
**June, 24, 2015 Minutes**  
Approved July 21, 2015

June meeting of the Hebron Conservation Commission called to order by chair, Martha Twombly at 7:02 pm.

Present were: Martha Twombly (chair), Mavis Britelli (alt), Bruce Barnard, Curtis Mooney (alt), George Andrews and Suzanne Smith (asst. chair).

Mavis and Curtis were both elevated to full member.

Minutes of May meeting reviewed and corrections made. Mavis made motion to accept minutes as amended, Bruce seconded and all concurred.

Permits: Complete forestry notification from DES received June 9. Property owners: Paul and Mary Hazelton.

Hebron Town Forest:

Martha shared copy of Town Forest Conservation Easement which will be filed in Town offices with other Conservation Commission materials. She will email copies to all members and to Tracy for website.

Nate spent weekend of June 13 & 14 doing trail work on blue trail and Cockermouth Ledge trail where it is closest to the river. Conservation Commission members, Curtis, Martha, Suzanne & George worked with him during the weekend. Curtis reported work that he did with Nate beginning where the upper stream crosses the trail. Nate and Curtis cleared a small detour to the waterfall and then continued up towards the lower ledges. Suzanne and Martha joined Nate later in the day to continue the lower Blue trail to the Orange trail (which comes from Bald Knob). On Sunday, Suzanne and Martha worked with Nate continuing that work.

Trail through the field leading towards Spectacle Pond has not been mowed. Martha emailed the Selectboard requesting that Everett mow the trail as the grass is getting very high and the trail is difficult to follow.

Nate will be doing more work during the summer weekends. No future dates have been finalized. There are a few members of the public interested in volunteering. They will be contacted when we set work dates.

Mavis discussed the proliferation of purple loosestrife behind Bob Wiesznewski's property on a small island in the Cockermouth River. Mavis will notify Martha when she sees it coming up and Martha will help pull it up. If it is on Bob Wiesznewski's property, he will need to be contacted.

Curtis stated that he may be able to obtain a grant from Eversource (his employer) for directional signs in the Town Forest once the blue trail has been totally laid out. This grant is offered to employees.

Mavis suggested that the Town forest sign which is no longer being used be installed at intersection of Britelli property and Town Forest. Martha stated that we have funds to pay to install sign in the Conservation Commission budget. Mavis stated that many people walk in to the Town Forest through

her property. If there were signs that directed people along the snowmobile trail, it could eliminate people wandering through their yard. Curtis stated that he has 20 small signs with hikers on them which could be used for this. Although people do hike in that way, it is not the intent to encourage them to park along Braley Road.

Cockermouth River activities: no updates.

Other business:

Suzanne reported on the Managing Forestry for Birds Workshop which she attended in North Haverhill.

Mavis reported that she has a black-billed cuckoo on her property.

George reported on events taking place at Squam Lakes Science Center.

Update on old Davis Farm property: Kate Barrett has purchased it and it is in conservation through NRCS. Curtis wondered about a conservation plan for Merrill's field and the bog pond that goes thru Kate Barrett's property and into George Brook. Conservation Commission discussed designating that area as a prime wetland when we developed the WPOD (Wetlands Protection Overlay District) which is now a town ordinance. Members will review state laws, Hebron Wetlands Protection Overlay district and possibility of discussing with abutters. Curtis suggested that he and Bruce begin conversations with abutting landowners.

Martha said that Hebron does not have an official conservation plan. Discussion of protection of aquifers, groundwater and the lake as a reason to conserve land. Members reviewed map of water resources/aquifers/wetlands.

There being no further business, George made motion to adjourn and Suzanne seconded. All concurred. Meeting was adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Smith, Acting Secretary

Next meeting: July 22 at 7 pm.