

Hebron Conservation Commission
July 23, 2015 Minutes approved 9/2/15

Suzanne Smith called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Present were Mavis Brittelli (alt), Curtis Mooney (alt) and Suzanne Smith. Both Curtis and Mavis were elevated to full members.

The June minutes were amended to reflect in more detail the work done on trail day in the Town Forest and the location of the purple loosestrife in the Cockermouth River. Mavis made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Curtis seconded and all concurred.

Permits: Review of Incomplete Seasonal Dock Notification. Applicant: Jade Warfield of Sanbornton, NH. Location Hebron Tax Map/ Lot:20/13.

Hebron Town Forest:

Suzanne gave an update on work performed by Nate on the blue trail on Saturday, July 11 with assistance from Conservation Commission members. George and Martha worked on the blue trail up near the ledges and Suzanne and Martha cleared the Cockermouth Ledge Trail of ferns and other plants and finished stabilizing the area closest to the river.

Suzanne pointed out that Everett had mowed the entire field, not just the trail that leads to Spectacle Pond as requested by the CC. Curtis suggested putting together a one page laminate with information on appropriate months to mow designated areas – whether the trail to Spectacle Pond or the entire field in order to protect nesting birds and turtles.

Timber harvesting discussion postponed. Members should all have copies of Conservation Easement Deed for Town Forest.

Cockermouth River – no new business.

Old Business: Curtis presented Mavis with small signs that she may use to designate the walking trails on her property which leads to the Town Forest.

Prime Wetlands: Suzanne shared the RSA pertaining to prime wetlands. Curtis suggested we have someone from the state come talk to us about the process for designating prime wetlands and answer our questions so that we might better be informed to further protect specific wetlands in Hebron.

New Business: Draft of updated State Wildlife Action Plan was shared with Conservation Commission members by Suzanne. She suggested that members read (at least) Chapter 5 which addresses Conservation issues. Curtis questioned whether species of special concern had been shared with NHFGD biologists so they could include the updated population information in the WAP. Mavis told members about a turtle with yellow legs which Curtis thought might be another threatened species.

Family fun day is August 22. Hike is at 11 am. Meet at the entrance to the Town Forest.

There being no further business to discuss, Mavis made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Curtis Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Smith, Interim Secretary

Next meeting: Wednesday, August 26, 2015, 7 PM. Land Use Room Town Office Building.