

Hebron Conservation Commission
Minutes July 27, 2016
Approved with corrections 9-28-16 BA/BB Unan.

Present: Martha Twombly (co-chair), Suzanne Smith (co-chair), George Andrews and Curtis Mooney (alt).

Excused: Bruce Barnard and Patrick Moriarity

Martha called meeting to order at 7 pm.
and Curtis was elevated to full member.

Minutes: Minutes from June meeting reviewed. George made a motion to approve. Suzanne seconded the motion and all concurred. Curtis abstained because he missed the June meeting.

Permits: No permits to review but 2 Intents to Cut were filed this month.

(1) Intent to Cut for Kill Mountain Road property owned by Tom and Diane Tessier. Neither Curtis nor Martha were able to locate this property on tax maps. It is listed as 19-3. HCC will return Intent to Cut to Selectboard with this notation. Jason Curtis is the forester for this project.

(2) Intent to cut: Forrest Hicks is the logger and owner of the property. Map 21-1. 474 acres. This property is at the very end of Hobart Hill Road abutting and under the power lines.

Martha ordered copies of Best Management Practices for Erosion Control which she has shared with Selectboard and Conservation Commission.

Lee and Octavia Mogul property on North Shore Road. Bruce is designing the septic plan. In the past month both Martha and Suzanne have met with one or both of the Moguls. and walked around the site and reviewed map with owners.

Timberland Owners Association workshop: On August 22 from 4-8 pm, the Timberland Owners Association is sponsoring a meeting for municipalities and Selectboards to review timber harvesting laws and timber tax. DRA will have a representative at this meeting and tour. Date is August 23. Suzanne will attend and probably Martha and George. (see attached brochure).

Grey Rocks Trust Plan: Review of property owned by Grey Rocks Land Trust and commission reviewed survey map by Alan Barnard which shows delineated wetlands on lots 10-2 and 10-1. If the owners decide to expand cottages on that property, there was concern that the cottages are within the 100 foot buffer of the Hebron WPOD. Upon inspection of Amanda Stone's 1987 wetland maps, it was determined that this area is not part of the WPOD, but is within the shoreland jurisdiction.

Town Forest: George reported the prices for the picnic tables which are the same ones at Hebron Beach. \$767 + shipping for a 6-foot table and a little over \$800+shipping for an 8-foot table. If we purchase one of each, shipping alone will cost almost \$500. Suzanne made a motion to purchase 1 8-foot table and Curtis seconded. All concurred. The plan is to have the table delivered to the town shed and then town employees can deliver it to picnic area and George will put it together.

George reported on the Town Forest Recreational Survey which he has put together using Survey Monkey. The board recommended that we request Karen send out the survey to the 300 people on the newsletter mailing list on behalf of the Conservation Commission.

Sign and Kiosk: NLRA has donated their old kiosk for use in the Town Forest. Les Mills will install it near entrance to Town Forest just beyond the bridge on the left immediately after the Cockermouth Ledge Trail sign. It will be placed so as to not interfere with snowmobiles.

Paul Gagnon,, the Hebron Town Forest steward, perambulated many of the borders of the Town Forest in June with Suzanne. He has reported that incursion onto conservation lands by abutters can happen easily, and he expressed the need for marking the trees where camps border the Town Forest. Martha will talk with selectboard about Alan Barnard doing this as part of town perambulation.

George expressed concerns about glyphosate/Round Up and its overuse. He cited studies about carcinogenic actions of this product and concerns about water quality. Martha suggested that George write an article for newsletter about it.

Suzanne shared Upper Valley Trail Alliance information.

Suzanne made a motion to adjourn, George seconded and all concurred.
Meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Smith, Acting Secretary