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Hebron Conservation Commission Minutes

September 30, 2015

Martha Twombly called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

In attendance were Martha, Curtis Mooney, George Andrews, Mavis Brittelli, Bruce Barnard and Suzanne Smith. Both Mavis and Curtis were elevated to full members.

Minutes:

Members reviewed the draft minutes from September 2 meeting. George made motion to accept minutes as amended. Bruce seconded the motion and all in attendance concurred.

Permits Reviewed:

Andy McLane Wetland Permit Application for a driveway through a wetland. There will be an arch culvert. This application was signed off on by Tracy on September 12.

Michael Halloran – Shoreland Impact permit for property on Indian Point Road. Permit to repair and extend a driveway and install a stormwater management plan. Approved by DES on 7/27/2015.

McLane-Pasquaney Land Trust on Route 3A – Complete Forestry Notification received from DES. Jon Martin Forestry.

Hebron Town Forest: Nate Preisendorfer continued work on the blue trail weekend of September 20. He was joined by Martha and George during the weekend.

Memorial Tree for Hagen Esty-Lennon has been planted in the Town Forest. Small ceremony with family in attendance. Tree is located just beyond the parking lot near border of Donna Esty property.

Discussion of buffers along Cockermouth River to protect nesting birds and other species of concern. Martha prepared information for signage and she and Curtis will meet with Everett.

Buffer signs for Town Forest adjacent to Cockermouth River 100 foot buffer: “100 foot Buffer Regeneration Area. No mowing beyond this point.”

Mowing sign: "Field Mowing Schedule – To protect nesting birds and species of concern"

Mowing allowed BEFORE April 1 and AFTER October 31. (May 1-September 30 during cold years.)

Per Hebron Selectboard

Discussion of buffers and falling trees on private property along the river. Nate suggested working on falling trees during the winter.

Bruce estimates there are 10 landowners abutting the Cockermouth River between Braley Road and the Groton border. Mavis volunteered to contact landowners along the river between Braley Road and the Town Forest. She will request that Conservation Commission be permitted to walk the land along the river to evaluate erosion along the river bank which is contributing to trees falling into the river and could be a safety issue. Curtis recommended that the Conservation Commission notify the Selectboard about this. Suzanne will draft an email to Selectboard prior to Mavis' contacting landowners.

Charles Bean Sanctuary:

Pete Carey observed duck hunters in the Bean Sanctuary last week. Members will review deed and if we verify that hunting is not consistent with deed's purpose, Martha will have signs printed.

"Charles Bean Wildlife Sanctuary. Enjoy the wildlife. No hunting or trapping."

Other Business: Spectacle Pond Association notified us that their water quality testing found evidence of Dinoflagellate algae. This "white scum" has no toxicity associated with it and it is safe to swim and eat the fish. Hebron contributed to the cost of lab fees for the water testing.

NH Conservation Commission Annual Meeting is being held November 7 in Pembroke. Martha invited members to attend as it is a very informative conference. Members who attend will be reimbursed from Conservation Commission budget by the town.

Conservation Commission members are invited to a celebration for the Conservation of the Goose Pond – Sugarloaf properties. The event is 4 pm, October 10 at Eastbourne /Camp Pasquaney.

George, Curtis and possibly others will be attending the Emerald Ash Borer presentation in Alexandria. October 14 from 6-7:30 pm.

Martha shared brochure about *Big Trees of NH* by Kevin Martin www.enfieldbooks.com

There being no further business to discuss, George made motion to adjourn, Mavis seconded. All concurred. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Smith, Acting Secretary