



## Town of Hebron

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### Conservation Commission Minutes May 27, 2015

Martha Twombly called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Present were George Andrews, Mavis Britelli(alt), Bruce Barnard, Martha Twombly(chair) and Suzanne Smith (asst. chair). Mavis was elevated to full member for the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes:** George made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected from April's meeting. Bruce seconded and all concurred.

Martha thanked members for attending the Meet and Greet for Conservation Commission members which was held in Hebron. Dan Sundquist also made a presentation at that event. Groton Conservation Commission members were present.

**Permits:** There are no pending permits.

Discussion of runoff in Sleepy Hollow area which is causing build up of silt in lake. DOT and Selectboard are working on this.

#### **Town Forest:**

- Access Road for Fire and Rescue--Martha shared letter written by HCC to Selectboard explaining why the town forest (specifically above Spectacle Pond) is not the most appropriate area for a road for fire safety and rescue. There are other roads/trails which have easier access.
- Nate Preissendorfer is available weekends until mid July. He is looking for volunteers to help clear brush that he cuts the BLUE trail. He will also work to improve the steep slide near the River.
- George reported on the ownership of the Town Forest and the Conservation Easement. Town meeting dated March 14, 2006, residents voted 129-11 to purchase the land from Alan Estes. At the meeting "Selectman Matthews explained any lumbering done on the

property would be selective cutting to maintain the health of the forest and a forest management plan for the property would be prepared.” He was unable to get a copy of the conservation easement. Martha thought this would be available through the Forest Society.

- Continued discussion of timber harvesting, forest fire danger, forest management plan and ecological assessment. Suzanne mentioned that Jason Stock of Timberland Owners Asso. said he did not know of any movie about danger of forest fires. Forest fires are not a huge issue in New Hampshire.

**Cockermouth buffers:** Martha wrote a letter to Selectboard regarding buffers. HCC members reviewed and Martha will send to Selectboard.

**Workshops and Seminars:** Suzanne invited members to attend the workshop Friday on Timber harvesting for Wildlife and Birds which will be held this Friday in North Haverhill and at the County Forest. UNH Cooperative Extension is sponsoring this workshop. She will be attending. Lakes Congress – Martha invited members to attend. It will be held in Meredith on May 29.

**Other Business:** Suzanne shared documents sent by NLRA to Select Board pertaining to priority stormwater management project grants. Martha and Suzanne took a field trip up Pike Hill Road over the weekend to review 2 of the problem sites. Suzanne gave Bruce copy of report. HCC agreed that Martha would write a letter recommending the Selectboard send letter to NLRA and pursue the grant.

Martha shared map of conservation lands in Hebron which now will include The Green Acre Woodlands. This 3,342 acre parcel is being conserved through the Forest Legacy program.

George reminded members that a Lakes Region Household Hazardous Product Facility is open the third Saturday of each month between May and October in Wolfeboro.

Bruce will call Bruce Schweigler and research more about grants for the work on the Cockermouth River.

Suzanne made a motion to adjourn. Bruce seconded. All concurred. Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Smith  
Acting Secretary