

Hebron Conservation Commission
June 27, 2017
Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by co-chair, Suzanne Smith

Present: Suzanne Smith, co-chair, Patrick Moriarity, and Bill Lutie, alternate.
Excused: Martha Twombly, George Andrews, Curtis Mooney, Bruce Barnard..

Patrick reported that the Selectboard had voted to appoint Bill Lutie as alternate member of the Conservation Commission.

Bill Lutie was moved up to regular member and a quorum was declared.

Minutes of May meeting were reviewed. Bill made motion to approve minutes. Suzanne seconded. and all concurred. Patrick abstained.

Permits:

Intent to Cut: Tessier 80 acres on Kill Mountain Road. This property is south of the development and just shy of Bear Mountain according to Bill who also resides in that area. Mr. Tessier has contacted abutters at Hebron Country estates about accessing his property to do the timber harvest. Andrews and Kill have allowed him to go through via their private road. The forester is Jason Curtis of Deerfield. The Selectboard have signed off on the Intent to Cut. Tessier has told Bill that he is doing the cut for forestry stewardship. Conservation Commission members will be checking out the area to assure no road damage or erosion.

Newfound Lake Region Association - Their Shoreland Permit has been approved by DES. They are still waiting for approval of Wetlands Permit. This is pursuant to presentation at last month's meeting.

NH Audubon Wetlands Permit by Notification was reviewed. Permit is to add landing pad for seasonal dock. It will be constructed of natural wood materials and if concrete base is required, there will be no excavation, but movable concrete blocks. Suzanne had discussed this with the applicant, Ian Culligan who stated that the dock as it is now is very unstable and unsafe for people getting in and out of kayaks at the site. Patrick made a motion that the HCC sign off on wetland permit by notification so that it can be expedited. Bill seconded and all concurred

Discussion of budget was postponed.

Hebron Town Forest: Suzanne reported that middle schoolers from Camp Berea spent 7 hours on May 27 doing trail maintenance on the Cockermouth Ledge Trail. Suzanne, Martha, and George worked with the group. There were 35 campers were divided into groups with each group led by counselors and overseen by Conservation Commission members.

George has been in discussion with Grafton County Corrections superintendent Tom Elliott to have a team of inmates do work on the blue trail in October.

Martha has been in discussion with Lew Shelly about doing work in Town Forest also.

Suzanne shared a booklet just released by NH Trails Bureau - a concise and detailed booklet on Trail Construction and Maintenance including appropriate statutes to trail building.

Last month, the commission sent a letter concerning condition of bridge at entrance to town forest. The town will be taking on this project of replacing some of the timbers and painting the metal portions.

Everett should be mowing the path through the field and the path to the picnic tables soon as the grass is getting high.

Suzanne reported that the beaver dam just downstream from Cooper Road on the Little Bog Farm property has caused the "new" beaver pond which encompasses Cooper Road has made it impossible for vehicles to drive up through the property. The owner is not concerned as her purpose in purchasing the property was to restore wetlands. There will be major restoration project elsewhere on property which will be happening this summer.

There being no further business to discuss, Patrick made a motion to adjourn and Bill seconded. All present concurred.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Smith, Acting Secretary, co-chair