

Hebron Conservation Commission Minutes
April 18, 2018

Present: Suzanne Smith, George Andrews, Bruce Barnard, Bill Luti. Bill was elevated to full member for the meeting.

Guests: Bob Wisniewski

Excused: Martha Twombly, Patrick Moriarity

Co-chair, Suzanne Smith called the meeting called to order at 7:02 pm.

Review of February and March minutes: George made motion to approve, Bruce seconded. All concurred.

March minutes were reviewed later in the meeting. Bruce made motion to approve, Bill seconded and all concurred.

Permits: No permit applications this month, but DES sent a letter regarding Peter Zampine on Oak Lane. The department is requesting Natural Heritage Bureau report to address potential for presence of sensitive species in the area. They also need a pre-existing conditions plan and a post-construction conditions plan.

Hebron Town Forest:

Burning the invasive plant pile: George will contact Billy Robertie about burn permit in the next few weeks.

Camp Berea: We have not heard whether the camp will be doing community service over the Memorial Day weekend. George will stop by tomorrow and ask Nate what is going on.

Comments from Bob W: He notes that there are ruts on the path/road which extends from the parking lot to the bridge. He notices people drive in, turn around and then exit. The ground is becoming very compacted also. Members discussed options to prevent people from driving in and destroying the path--Signs such as we are using at the Bean Sanctuary (plasticized) or if necessary a gate or rope across the trail. Bob also told members that the television which had washed down the river has been removed by the Merrill's.

Suzanne commented that the Cockermouth Ledge Trail along the river is in pretty good shape. The damage done during one of the floods was not permanent.

No date for trail work scheduled until we hear from Camp Berea.

Legislative Update:

Suzanne reported on legislation related to timber harvesting along Class 6 roads. It has passed the House and Senate. Testimony from TOA, the Forest Society and many reputable foresters led the House to agree to the changes in statute.

Hebron Conservation Commission activities:

Need to follow up with Matt Tarr and Doug Cygan

Family fun Day hike is scheduled for August 11, beginning at 11 am.

Presentation by Doug Cygan concerning land invasives is pending.

Walk in the woods with the County Forester and Matt Tarr needs to be scheduled for this summer.

Other Business:

Newfound Audubon: Suzanne is leading beginner bird walk on May 12 from 7 am to 10 am. Meet at Ash Cottage.

Mavis Brittelli is leading a wildflower id class on May 18.

Lakes Congress sponsored by NH Lakes Association is being held in Meredith on the evening of May 31 and on Friday June 1. Members who wish to attend may have their attendance fee reimbursed by the Conservation Commission. Suzanne will send brochures to members.

Discussion of Camp Onaway project. We will invite Daniel Geiger to attend our May meeting so we can learn more about their plans.

There being no further business to discuss, George made a motion to adjourn. Bruce seconded. All concurred. The meeting was adjourned at 8 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Smith, Acting Secretary