

Hebron Conservation Commission
Minutes
September 27, 2017

Martha Twombly (co-chair) called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

Present were: Martha Twombly (co-chair), Suzanne Smith (co-chair), Bruce Barnard, Patrick Moriarty, Bill Lutie (alt)
Excused: George Andrews
Guest: Ed VanDorn

Suzanne made a motion to accept the July 27 minutes as amended. Bill seconded the motion and all concurred.

Curtis Mooney has resigned from the Conservation Commission because he has moved away from Hebron.

Martha made a motion to nominate Ed Van Dorn as an alternate to the HCC. Bruce seconded the motion. All concurred. Suzanne will write a letter to the Selectboard requesting that Ed be appointed to the Conservation Commission as an alternate member..

PERMITS:

Intent to Cut signed by Selectboard (316 Hobart Hill Road) 231.8 acres.

DES letter in response to Shoreland Permit for Van Schaick - 10 Vista Drive — DES requesting more information. They have not applied for a Building Permit
Martha noted we have not seen a copy of their plans for building and landscaping.

Newfound Lake Region Association - Grey Rocks Conservation Area permit approved by DES and work has begun to restore and stabilize 1321 square feet of what was formerly the "bulkhead" for boat mooring. This area has deteriorated and slumped into the channel.

Complaint from DES about a property which removed too much vegetation in the Beachwood Road area. The recipient of letter had 20 days to respond to DES. Peter Zampine is the landowner.

Richard Aho DES permit with conditions for a perched beach on Indian Point Road

Peter Davies 264 Mayhew Turnpike (former McLane property) They are adding on to a building but have not submitted a building permit yet.

HEBRON TOWN FOREST:

Martha suggested that the Conservation Commission schedule 2 work days this fall.

1. Half day at entrance to town forest removing invasive land plants. Suzanne will check about burning of invasives and whether that will work or whether it will spread the seeds. Work day TBD when we receive the Pullerbear and Uprooter.

2. Full or half day working with trail professional, Lew Shelly, on the blue trail. Clean up and possible relocating trail in a few areas.

She stated that the Forest Society is sponsoring a training in chain saw use this fall. She suggested that Ed and George take the course. The town requires that volunteers get certified so that the town's liability will more easily cover this.

Martha shared information on two varieties of hand tools for removing large invasive such as Autumn Olive and Bittersweet. Members can review youtube videos of the tools at work. Martha emailed links to all members. The tools are:

Pullerbear - <http://www.pullerbear.com/>

Uprooter - <http://www.theuprooter.com/>

Ed has offered to participate on blue trail work and possibly Bill also. Tentative dates are weekdays during the last week of October.

Bruce made a motion to purchase tools for removal of invasives (\$300 +/-). Patrick seconded and all concurred. Martha will order one of each unless there are further comments from members after they have reviewed products.

NH Conservation Commissions annual meeting is November 4 this year. All members are encouraged to attend. The HCC budget will pay admission costs.

Survey to residents on Town Forest: Members reviewed the results of the survey which was included in the September newsletter. The newsletter was sent to 432 homes but only 32 people completed the survey. Of all who filled out the survey, only two respondents were unaware of the Town Forest. Twenty-one responded that they use the forest many times during the year. Martha will send a note to Ellie Lonske so that results of survey may be published in October newsletter. Link to survey may be included so that folks who did not complete it last month can still participate.

BUDGET: The Conservation Commission must submit an annual budget each year to the Selectboard. Patrick stated that Karen Corliss has scheduled the meeting for departments to present their budgets to the Selectboard. It will be prior to our October meeting. IN light of that, Suzanne made a motion that we request \$5,000 for 2018 budget. The Conservation pays for Spec Pond water quality testing, trail work, signage, identifying boundaries of the forest, updating the kiosk, printing costs, education opportunities for members (annual meeting of NHACC, Lakes Congress, Saving Special Places, Timberland Owners etc.)

Other activities which HCC sponsors could also be funded out of the budget. (Red Barn series, Family Fun Day Hike, possible snowshoe hike etc.)

Little Bog Farm: Discussion of Restoration work being done on the property by Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and proposed tours of property (1) after the restoration work has been completed and (2) 6-12 months after completion. Suzanne

and Martha visited the site this morning and work has begun on the clean up and restoration.

Martha reported that the Nature Conservancy is purchasing the 2,700 acre Kimball Hill property in Groton. The Town of Groton had been unsuccessful in their attempts to purchase the property for conservation, so they are pleased. This property was targeted by a multi-national wind power project and this purchase effectively stops that from happening.

There being no further business to discuss, Patrick made a motion to adjourn, Martha seconded and all concurred. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Suzanne Smith
Acting Secretary