

Hebron Conservation Commission  
November 21, 2018 Minutes

The meeting was held in the Post Office lobby because Library was locked.

Martha called the meeting called to order at 7 pm

PRESENT: Martha Twombly, Suzanne Smith, Ed Van Dorn, Bill Luti

Ed was elevated to full member prior to Bill's arrival.

Review of Minutes: Martha made motion to accept minutes of Oct 18 meeting. Ed seconded. All concurred.

Permits:

DES has accepted permit application 2018-03324 submitted by Roger and Carol Lafontaine on Evans Rd for a seasonal dock permit: The owners have a little over 30 feet of shoreline and will need permission of abutters to install this dock which abutters, Robert Finn and Paul Anastas have given.

Follow up on Standard dredge and fill application filed by Andy McLane (2018 02507) for dug-in boat house. DES requests more information and included concerns in their letter.

Intent to Cut: William Robie—This land on the backside of Bear Mountain is partially in Alexandria.

Activities for 2018:

Hebron Town Forest: Lew Shelley has inspected bridges over streams on the trail to Spectacle Pond. They will be off to the side of the stream so as to not interfere if snowmobiles or trucks for doing trail work need the main trail. We are waiting for his estimate on the bridge work. The HCC will pay for materials to be purchased from RP Williams. The Conservation Commission will meet in early December and vote on this appropriation.

Town of Hebron/Conservation Commission has received results of annual water testing of Spectacle Pond Association--the VLAP report (attached).. SPA and Town of Groton have installed a portable toilet which is helping reduce e-coli. Concern of Circle Camp/septic - Spectacle Pond Association (SPA) is concerned that system has failed. Rowell Septic has tested the system and says it is acceptable. The tank is pumped every year.

Bridge across Cockermonth River at entrance of Town Forest: Report by State of NH DOT has been completed and the bridge rail is substandard. Martha will reach out to find out what needs to be done to bring it up to standard.

Jon Martin's partner, Zach West, has offered his services to cut hazard trees. **Ed made a motion to pay Zach \$500 for one day's work cutting hazard trees on the Spectacle Pond Trail. Martha seconded and all concurred.**

**New Business:** On February 16, forester and wildlife expert, Susan Morse will be present an evening on How Changes in Climate affect Wildlife and their Habitat. Two years ago, when Sue did a presentation on Cougars in the northeast, it was very well attended and donations taken in at the door paid for Sue's fees in their entirety. We expect that Newfound Trackers, Hebron Conservation Commission and Plymouth Conservation Commission will be sponsoring the event. The venue has not been confirmed but should be in Plymouth.

**Suzanne made motion and Ed seconded motion to appropriate \$250 towards Susan Morse's presentation on February 16. Her presentation is on how changes in climate affect wildlife in our area.**

Newfound Lake Region Association will sponsor Americorps volunteers next summer and through the fall. This could be an excellent opportunity to get the blue trail completed. Conservation Commission would pay for an expert who would work with the volunteers on the trail work.

New Shed: Martha has the shed which is ready to be installed when and if the snow melts. Bruce prepared a pad for it to be set up on near the kiosk at entrance to forest on the far side of the bridge. The shed will be used to store tools owned by the Conservation Commission-hand tools not chain saw. It will be locked.

BUDGET: Martha reminded members that the 2019 budget will need to cover 18 months because of the town changing its fiscal year. **Suzanne made motion to apply for \$6000 budget for 2019 - 2020—18 month budget. Bill seconded motion. all concurred**

Next meeting will be earlier in December so that it does not interfere with the holidays.

There being no further business to discuss, Suzanne made motion to adjourn. Ed seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Suzanne Smith, co-chair