

Hebron Conservation Commission
Minutes April 17, 2019 (approved May 15, 2019)

Martha called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Present: Martha Twombly, Suzanne Smith, Bruce Barnard

Excused: George Andrews, Bill Luti, Ed Van Dorn

Minutes: Bruce made motion to accept the minutes as written. Suzanne seconded. All concurred.

PERMIT: DES #2019-00952 - Application for permit for impacts to shoreline has been received by DES. West Shore Road Tax Map #18, Lot #HS-3.

Hardy Snowmobile Club Request: Gemmill Forest trail/crossing: David Lloyd from Hardy Snowmobile Club has told us that because of refused access along Cockermouth River, they are requesting that they be permitted to continue the trail through the Town Forest exiting at the parking lot on Groton Road road so that they can enter a rerouted trail through the Gemmill forest. The Forest Society is reviewing the request to put a snowmobile trail through the Gemmill property.

Suzanne made a motion to recommend the Selectboard permit the Hardy Snowmobile Club to utilize the path from the bridge to the road at parking lot. This is contingent on the club providing signs and educating snowmobilers that parking of vehicles with trailers is not permitted in parking lot at entrance to Town Forest. Bruce seconded the motion. All concurred.

Lake level study: Information on the lake level study will be in the May Hebron newsletter. The information along with FAQs can be found on Hebron Conservation Commission website as well as the Newfound Lake Region Association websites.

2019 projects:

Martha would like to initiate a weekly hiking series in the Town Forest. Suzanne will again lead the Family Fun Day Hike in August. Date TBD.

Berea will once again volunteer a team or two of middle school students to rake and weed the town forest trails over Memorial Day Weekend.

In addition there are many other projects including:

- Cutting of old dead trees and invasives around the gate and parking area which could be accomplished with our chain saw.
- Cutting down hazard trees on the Spec Pond trail and the lower loop of the Cockermouth Ledge Trail. Martha has flagged worrisome trees. She suggested that George work with Martin Forestry when the area dries out a little.
- Lew Shelly will be building bridges over streams on Spectacle Pond trail. Martha has his estimate and she will share with members.
- Two Americorps volunteers will be working in Hebron during the summer through NLRA. The HCC hopes to utilize the volunteers for a week or two to try to finish the Blue Trail.

Suzanne inquired whether we had voted to sponsor Audubon's Red Barn Series. She will review previous minutes to verify.

Suzanne made motion to adjourn. Bruce seconded. All concurred.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Smith