

Approved 8/22/19  
Hebron Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
July 24, 2019

In attendance: Martha Twombly, Co-chair, Bruce Barnard, Bill Luti  
Guest: Andy McLane

Meeting called to order: 7:10 pm

1. June **Minutes** were reviewed. Bill Luti made a motion to accept as written, Bruce Barnard seconded, vote was unanimous.
2. There were no **permits**.
3. No new information on the **snowmobile trail** proposal through the John Gemmill Forest, across from the Hebron Town Forest.

#### **4. Rafting in Hebron Bay**

Martha gave an update on a petition that has been filed by landowners on Hebron Bay and registered voters to request a hearing from the NH Dept. of Marine Safety to discuss the issue of “rafting” off the Charles Bean Conservation Area, and the associated noise, threats to wildlife and pollution. A hearing has been scheduled in Hebron for Aug. 21. The Hebron Cons Comm voted to support the approximately \$147.00 cost for postage to send abutters notice of this hearing.

Andy McLane introduced a second issue regarding the direct impacts to the Charles Bean Conservation Area from boat landing, use of the sandy beaches, swimming and presence of dogs and families. These activities have grown since the closing of the Hebron Marina, and with an increase in day boat trippers. These activities are not being patrolled.

He believes these activities are prohibited by the CBCA deed and intent. He further explained that Hebron land owners actually own land under the water up to a depth of about 3' (representing state ownership of land under the lake up to a lake level of 584.12'), bringing the CBCA ownership farther out into the current lake. While he recognizes the Hebron Selectboard are the enforcers of the deed, the Conservation Commission has a role to play in recommending protections for the CBDA and nearby uses and impacts. Discussions by commission members exhibited concurrence that this activity has skyrocketed in the past few years, and that current signage is not discouraging use of the sandy areas. These areas were singled out in Dr. Rick Van De Poll's ecological assessment as being very sensitive and sites for nesting birds. This discussion will continue at the August HCC meeting and members will attend the hearing. The Heb CC intends on writing a letter to the Selectboard with recommendations for better signage and any other ideas to

discourage landing on the CBCA. Andy also suggested that the Hebron Town Council review and interpret the language in the original deed.

Other business included a review of the 11 am hike on Aug. 17 for Family Fun Day and bridge construction with Lew Shelley on Aug. 15 on the Spec Pond Trail.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 (WL/BB, unanimous)

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Twombly