

Hebron Conservation Commission
Minutes 6/24/20

Present: Martha Twombly, Bill Luti, Don Musial, Bruce Barnard, Suzanne Smith
Excused: Patrick Moriarity

Members met on the town common. Martha called the meeting together at 7:10 pm.

Minutes: Martha made motion to accept the minutes of the April meeting. Don seconded and all concurred.

Permits:

Members discussed the following permits and notices:

Shoreland application - DES receipt of application.
72 Indian Point Road - Susan and Joseph Murphy

Camp Onaway DES Shoreland impact permit - approved with conditions

Green Acre Woodlands - PBN - 250 acres of cut. Access via Tenney Lane
Intent to Cut for this project was also received and signed by Selectboard

DES sent a Letter to remind Town to send Conservation Commission all wetland (Standard Dredge and Fill) permits for review. Martha explained to members that the Conservation needs to sign off on any permits if applicants wish to have their permit expedited.

Martha shared new book published by DES on Wetlands Permitting. She suggested writing a letter to local developers informing them of this informative book. Action to be taken on this at next meeting.

Charles Bean Sanctuary - Martha and Suzanne paddled out to the beach and posted signs which were approved by the Selectboard to advise boaters that the Bean Sanctuary is a wildlife conservation area and no landing of boats is permitted there. The Criminal Trespass statute is referenced on the sign. Two signs were posted and two more will be added to the area.

Members discussed erosion of the north end of the lake caused by elevated lake levels but also affected by wind and boat wakes. Bill recommended that the HCC get more involved in this issue. He stated that the state's Dam bureau receives a large amount of money from the hydro plant on the Newfound River for for regulating flow through the dam at southern end of lake.

Hebron Town Forest -

Friends of Hebron Town Forest Trail day - 8-12 people for this spring's trail clean up day. One group began at 9 under the guidance of Suzanne and a second group which included Americorps volunteers from NLRA guided by Martha took the afternoon shift. Both the Cockermouth Ledge Trail and Spectacle Pond Trails were raked and are much easier to follow.

Friends of Hebron Town Forest —It can be challenging to recruit volunteers to do trail work and other maintenance in the Town Forest. This could be partly due to the median age of Hebron residents and our small year round population. Suzanne has designed a sign to hang in the kiosk inviting those who use the Town Forest to become a "Friend" of the Town Forest. This would give us an email list of possible volunteers and could also be used to invite folks to any educational gatherings that might be held there, such as "Introduction to Invasive Plants."

Martha suggested another work day to tackle invasive species. Discussion was held about Don, using his small excavator, moving some flat rocks so that crossing the bridges on Spectacle Pond Trail is not such a steep endeavor. Don also volunteered to cut some of the dead trees along the trail.

Town Forest Capital Improvement Fund: At town meeting on June 25, the town will vote to “Establish the Hebron Town Forest Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of maintaining the town forest property and performing any improvements to utilize the property and to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars to be placed in the fund.”

At the Conservation Commission’s request, the town has approached Foreco to write an updated Forest Management Plan. The initial plan was completed in 2008. The Conservation Commission reviewed Foreco’s proposal as to what would be in the plan and requested that Dr. Rick VandePoll’s Rapid Ecological Assessment Report be considered in any plan.

Little Bog Farm Beaver update —Beavers are staying put on the upstream side of Cooper Road. However, we haven’t had much rain so the beavers have been quiet. The beavers are still active and have not been trapped.

Other Business:

Society for Protection of NH Forests sent a thank you for our membership/donation.

There being no further business, Suzanne made a motion to adjourn. Don seconded.
Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Smith
Acting Secretary

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