

Hebron Conservation Commission

Minutes (approved December 16, 2020)

October 28, 2020

Martha Twombly (co-chair) called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm

Present: Martha Twombly (via zoom), Bruce Barnard, Patrick Moriarity, and Suzanne Smith (co-chair) all in person.

Excused: Don Musial and Bill Luti

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

Permits: Curtis Mooney, 7 Oak Lane, Hebron, NH (Beechwood area)

Wetlands permit -- Curtis Mooney reached out to Martha and Suzanne to request that the Conservation Commission visit the property and sign off on the permit so that it would be expedited and work could be completed before winter. Suzanne visited the property and reviewed application and signed off. Members also reviewed the Shoreland Protection Permit for the property.

Charles Bean Conservation Area: Martha will contact West Shore Marine to request that the Bean Conservation Area be added to the "NO GO" area on their maps of the lake. Educating the public by articles in NLRA newsletter, Hebron newsletter and emphasizing wildlife sanctuary on signage were all discussed. Signs will be ready by May so they are in place before boating season begins. Suzanne will have a further discussion with Marine Patrol about whether placing buoys, similar to those in loon nesting areas, would be possible and find out how we could do this legally.

Hebron Town Forest: Free firewood day--The Selectboard have approved a "free firewood day" for town residents if dead trees are cut along the trail which goes through the field. Martha has contracted with Merrill's who state they can get this done within 2 weeks. Logs will be cut to 15" lengths and scrap branches left for habitat off of trail. Martha will write a small article for Hebron newsletter inviting residents to drive in to pick up firewood during the weekend of November 21 and 22. A sign will be posted stating that driving in past the bridge is only for the purpose of picking up firewood.

Signage in Town Forest

1. Handicapped parking. Suzanne stated that these signs should be readily available and not need to be produced locally.
2. No Snowmobile trailer parking
3. Tree identification signs
4. White trail which circles around houses on the shore of Spectacle Pond

Fall projects: Martha will speak with Don to schedule 1) rock steps for bridges and 2) Cutting and burning of invasives.

Little Bog Farm: Suzanne gave update on latest beaver activity. They have built a dam downstream in the narrow area of stream thus making a small lake. She removed part of it, and stated that owner, Beth Emhoff will be in Hebron this weekend to remove dam in its entirety. Road is not blocked by water.

Other business: Martha asked if members were familiar with the large number of trees cut last week at 95 West Shore Road. Patrick thought that the area was within 250 feet of shore and therefore subject to Shoreland Protection permit. Martha will reach out to Don Musial, the town's compliance officer.

Patrick updated members on removing blockage on Cockermouth River adjacent to Alexander property. Family has given approval. Ben Hall, road agent, will do the work and is aware that no equipment may be placed in the river. The project will be paid for out of the Town Emergency Fund. Trustees of Trust Fund have reviewed and this fund is "at the discretion of the Selectmen."

Patrick also updated Conservation Commission on draft ordinance being proposed to the Planning Board by Ivan Quinchia which would regulate solar arrays in the Lake District. Patrick will send draft ordinance to HCC members.

There being no further business to discuss, Suzanne made a motion to adjourn, Patrick seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Smith, Acting Secretary