

Hebron Conservation Commission

February 17, 2021 Minutes

Hebron Academy Building with Zoom availability

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

Present in person: Suzanne Smith (co-chair), Martha Twombly (co-chair), Patrick Moriarty

Minutes: Members reviewed minutes of January 20 meeting. Martha made motion to accept minutes. Patrick seconded the motion. All concurred and minutes were approved.

Permits: Permit by Notification (PBN) submitted by Burt Cohen at Hillside Inn for replenishment of a legal beach. Size: 17 x 48 feet. Approved by NH Heritage Bureau (#NH B210323) as no rare species in the area.

Bean Sanctuary: Discussion of preparing a "Baseline Documentation Report" on the property. This report will include at least:

- 1) Rapid Ecological Assessment completed by Dr. Rick Van de Poll in 2012.
- 2) Maps of the sanctuary including topography including wetlands. (We have tax map but do we need a survey?)
- 3) History of the property (minutes of meetings when property was donated by Charles Bean, notes from town meeting following transfer of property and photos as available.
- 4) Deed
- 5) Monitoring protocol for the Bean Sanctuary

This discussion will continue at March meeting.

Discussion of new signage postponed until next meeting.

Martha brought up subject of flowage rights on the lake. No discussion.

Proposed trail from Town Beach to Town Forest

Martha explained that she is working with Newfound Pathways on a trail which would extend from the Town Beach to the Town Forest. She has been speaking with landowners--not asking them to donate an easement, but to give permission to cross their property. The proposed trail would extend up Lakeshore drive to North Shore Road, pick up the snowmobile trail on Bill Roberti's property and follow it to Braley Road. Wheeled non-motorized vehicles (bicycles) would be allowed as far as Braley Road, but once crossing Braley Road no wheeled vehicles

would be allowed. The trail is proposed to cross Brittelli's land and enter the Town Forest where the snowmobile trail intersects the Spectacle Pond Trail.

Suzanne suggested that on the document landowners sign, there should be a link to NH RSA 212:34 Duty of Care. This statute explains clearly the limits of liability for landowners who allow use of their property for recreational uses at no charge. (include link here but website down now)

Suzanne expressed concern about partnering officially with Newfound Pathways because of the extra trailwork and trail maintenance that could be expected by HCC members.

Other Business: Patrick reported that the Planning Board has approved a solar ordinance for Hebron. PB Chair, Ivan Quinchia presented it to the Selectboard recently. A public hearing will be scheduled. Suzanne will request copy of ordinance from Ivan for members to review.

There being no further business to discuss, Patrick made a motion to adjourn and Suzanne seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Smith, Acting secretary