

Hebron Conservation Commission  
July 21, 2021  
Minutes – Draft

Martha Twombly called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

**Present:** Suzanne Smith, Martha Twombly, Patrick Moriarty

**Guests:** Barbara Kohout, Debbie James

**Minutes:** Patrick made a motion to approve the June minutes as written. Suzanne seconded the motion and all concurred. The minutes were approved.

**Guests:** Debbie introduced herself. She and her husband have summered here for many years and have lived here full time since 2015. She is a realtor who is moving towards retirement. Barbara lived in Hopkinton, NH and they bought a house here in 2006. She /they had a business in MA. Moved here full time 2 years ago. Family all involved with conservation and NH Audubon, so she has been involved with outdoors/nature/conservation all her life. Both Debbie and Barbara are interested in serving as alternates on the Hebron Conservation Commission.

Members present agreed to request to the Selectboard that Barbara Kohout and Debbie James be appointed as alternates to the Conservation Commission.

All engaged in discussion of what the duties of the Conservation Commission are. Also current members spoke about the history of the town's acquisition of the Town Forest, HCC's stewardship of the forest and the updated Forest Management Plan which is underway. It was approved by the town.

**Permits:** Intent to Cut from Green Acres Woodlands – Selectboard have signed these already.

DES File 2021-01079 Sheldon Family Revocable Trust (Hemlock Lane). Request for more information.

DES File 2021-01833 June 14, 2021

Green Acre Woodlands – There are wetlands on the property so they filed a PBN for the property in addition to Intent to Cut filed previously.

**Charles Bean Conservation Area (CBCA) Update:**

Monitoring protocol: Defer this to September 29 meeting (September meeting moved from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> week).

Update on summer activities:

Marine Patrol continues to advise people who have landed on the Sanctuary beach that they are trespassing. The Lt. believes it is helping. Martha again suggested that Travis go out with Marine Patrol. Selectboard suggested that more brush be placed on the beach to make it

inhospitable. A pontoon boat to drag brush/logs down the Cackermouth River is needed. Patrick agreed to talk to Mayhew camp about using their barge to hall brush/downed trees.

**Hebron Town Forest:**

Martha suggested scheduling another invasive species eradication day this fall. Don's expertise with chain saw and equipment is necessary for the trees and thick roots of bittersweet, so scheduling will have to be confirmed with him.

Suzanne reported on a very successful Trail Maintenance Day in June. At least 15 people including children participated. And for the first time, the orange trail up to the ledges was raked.

Family Fun Day is August 14<sup>th</sup> this year. Martha will lead the Conservation Commission hike in the Town Forest. Suzanne will submit info on the hike for the August newsletter. The hike will also be posted on Facebook and around town.

Wetlands Protection Overlay District: Commission will be discussing updates to the ordinance at the August meeting. Questions to be explored include updating WPOD definition of Vernal pools to the state's definition, whether to suggest buffers, and review entire ordinance to see if other areas need updating. Members can learn more about vernal pools at [wildlife.state.nh.us/nongame/vernal-pools.html](http://wildlife.state.nh.us/nongame/vernal-pools.html)

Other Business: Spectacle Pond Association Annual meeting is being held August 14 at 2 pm at the Circle Camp.

There being no further business to discuss, Suzanne made a motion to adjourn. Patrick seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 8:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Smith, Acting Secretary