

Hebron Conservation Commission
Minutes June 15, 2022 approved July 20, 2022

Present: Martha Twombly, co-chair, Suzanne Smith, co-chair, Debbie James, (alt) Barbara Kohout (alt)

Excused: Paul Connor, Pat Moriarty

Martha called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Barbara was elevated to full member.

MINUTES: Martha moved to accept the minutes of the May meeting. Barb seconded. Martha asked for Chris Guigere's name spelling be corrected. All approved the minutes as amended.

PERMITS:

Intent to cut--Hazelton property on Tenney Lane – 80 acres

Intent to Cut – Green Acre Woodlands on Tenney Lane – 145 acres

MEETING WITH SELECTBOARD: Martha met with Selectboard with reference to items listed in last month's minutes.

(a) Bean Sanctuary – watch and wait to see how this summer goes. Marine Patrol is keeping an eye on things. Members discussed educating the public about the rules surrounding the Bean Sanctuary. Barb will write up a post for Newfound Community Facebook page.

(b) Cockermouth River (woody debris) – HCC will write up a draft plan to be approved by Selectboard. They discussed putting aside money every year so that when work is scheduled, money is available. Any project to remove woody debris which could cause damage to the area is contingent on abutting landowner approval..

(C) Tree stands in Town Forest – RSAs require that the landowner give permission for any hunter treestands. Selectboard agree and also agreed that the owner of said stands remove them at the end of the season. Selectboard also discussed and recommended a fee be charged. HCC volunteered to draw up a plan for that.

(d) Firing of guns in town forest other than hunters in season – Not permissible – If anyone hears shooting, they should call Hebron or Groton police.

(E) Universal access for disabled – Selectboard agreed that moving the gate to the far side of the bridge was a good idea. Although it is not required that lands like the Town Forest provide ADA access, HCC members will begin gathering information to better inform any longterm plan to make at least 1 trail in the forest more accessible.

(F) Historical documents – Paintings and historical documents/maps cannot be hung in Academy building until the items are insured by owner of documents/paintings.

HEBRON TOWN FOREST: Benches which were purchased by HCC are sitting along the Spectacle Pond Trail. They need to be put together and taken to where they will be sited. Wayne DeCoutis and Dave Godbout offered to help install them. The boundaries of Town Forest do need to be marked and Martha will order signs so that the work can be done by the end of the year.

HEBRON FAIR: Members discussed what would be displayed and how it would be displayed. The booth is 15 x 15'. Barb has a 10 x 15 tent which we can use. Suzanne will bring a wooden tray for puzzles and will print copies of town forest map. All members present agreed they would be available to set up and be at the booth during the day. Tent will be set up the night before. Martha and Barb will bring tables.

OTHER BUSINESS: Barb reported she has spoken to the Selectboard about the Hebron Beautification project. There is a trust fund for planting trees and shrubs on the Common so once plans for plantings are finalized, the Selectboard may approve the plan and the expenditure without going through a vote of the town. Barb is working with a few folks planning which and where shrubs or perennials could be planted.

There being no further business to discuss, Suzanne made a motion to adjourn. Martha seconded.

All concurred and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Suzanne smith
Acting Secretary