

Hebron Conservation Commission
Minutes (approved 3/29/23)
February 15, 2023

PRESENT: Martha Twombly (co-chair), Suzanne Smith (co-chair), Paul Connor,
Debbie James (alt)
Guests: Stacy Darlington, Jack Gillery

Martha called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

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Debbie was elevated to regular member.

MINUTES: Paul made a motion to accept the January draft minutes with one minor correction.
Debbie seconded. All concurred.

PERMITS: None

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Jack Gillery lives part-time in Hebron. He has experience doing trail work with AMC and is focused now on cleaning up the Hebron portion of the Elwell Trail which goes to Mt. Cardigan. Due to development and logging, the access off of Valley View Road is a challenge. His goal is work with landowners and try to get a trailhead developed in the area. He will keep the HCC up to date. Members thanked Stacy Darlington for opening up their property for our recent snowshoe along the river to observe storm damage and downed trees.

TOWN FOREST: Barbara Richter from NHACC gave a few recommendations for trail work professionals. Lew Shelley who did the bridges on the Spectacle Pond Trail a few years ago was on the list. Martha will reach out to him.

BUDGET: Suzanne and Martha presented the HCC draft budget to the Selectboard last week. Requested \$5,000. Big projects for 2023 include professional trail work, beaver deceiver for town forest wetland which is flooding the road/trail, possible moving of gate at bridge, seminars to attend or sponsor. Funds remaining in the Conservation Commission account will be used for hazard tree removal in the Town Forest prior to close of current fiscal year (June 30, 2023).

CHARLES BEAN SANCUARY – Winter monitoring has not yet been done. Weather has been mild and there is uncertainty about walking on ice. Next cold spell we will mobilize and monitor as much area as we can.

Looking forward:

March meeting has been postponed until March 29

Barbecue and burn of invasives is scheduled for March 30 weather and fire conditions pending.
March newsletter deadline is the last week of February. Barb had volunteered to do an article on the Spotted Lanternfly for that issue.

Paul made a motion to adjourn. Debbie seconded. All concurred and the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Smith, Acting Secretary