

Hebron Conservation Commission

October 18, 2023

Approved 1/17/24

PRESENT: Paul Connor, Suzanne Smith (co-chair), Barb Kohout (alt), Debbie James (alt) and by phone Martha Twombly (co-chair).

Suzanne called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm

Barb was elevated to full member.

High school senior and Hebron resident, Mika Austin gave a presentation on her proposed Eagle Scout/Senior project. Her project will be at Grey Rocks Conservation Area. It will be educational and include interpretive signs/panels covering climate change, invasive species, assisted migration, and what individuals can do at home about these issues. She is working with Paul Pellesier at NLRA on a plan to plant good size Sycamore trees. Sycamore trees are not native this far north but as the overall climate warms, they are moving north just as Sugar Maples are moving further north and at some point may not be in our region.

She is raising money for the project. Members had many questions and Mika explained adaptive migration and how getting trees from one zone south of ours to central NH, we can also be combating invasives like bittersweet. Martha made a motion to donate \$300 for a sycamore tree at Grey Rocks for Mika's project. Suzanne seconded. All concurred. Members suggested that donors be noted on signs. Members also made suggestions for Mika's future presentations and volunteered to share names of possible donor organizations and individuals. We were her first presentation.

MINUTES: Approval of September minutes was postponed until November meeting.

PERMITS: Onaway "lift-up" docks – DES did not approve the 2 dock permits because a complete dredge and fill application needs to be submitted. Alan Barnard stated that these would be 2 lift-up docks. Neighbors are concerned about lift-up docks being installed and have written letters of concern to DES. Once the Fill and Dredge application has been submitted, the Conservation Commission will review.

HEBRON TOWN FOREST: Martha has reached out to Skip Lisle of Beaver Deceivers but no date has been set for him to review the beaver dam which now has extended across the Spectacle Pond trail.

Follow-up on very large pine tree which fell across the river. The river's action has pushed the tree downstream and it is now parallel to the river and will help with erosion without us doing anything. We will watch and wait for further developments.

Burn and Barbecue – postpone until snow flies.

MAIL: Notice of NLRA Watershed workshop received. It will be held on Monday, November 13 at 6 pm at the Alexandria Town Hall. This is an annual update from towns about projects and

priorities and a way for boards from each town to connect with peers from other towns. No RSVP necessary.

OTHER BUSINESS: NHACC – Five members of the Hebron Conservation Commission will be attending the annual meeting on Nov. 4. Three of us will be attending the beaver panel.

Salt Use on Roadways near water bodies: DOT has a website with salt specifications around lakes. Debbie shared handout from roadway salt and water bodies which is attached.

The Planning Board is recommending that no zoning amendments be introduced related to wetlands for the 2024 town meeting.

There being no further business to discuss, Paul made motion to adjourn. Barb seconded. All concurred.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Smith