

January 21, 2020

Hebron Conservation Commission Minutes

The meeting was called to order by co-chair Martha Twombly at 7:01 pm.

Present; Martha Twombly, Suzanne Smith, Don Musiel, Bruce Barnard, Bill Luti (alt)

Guest: Andrew Vielleaux NLRA

Presentation: Andrew Vielleaux, Program Director of Newfound Lake Region Association (NLRA) updated members on what's new at NLRA as well as how this summer's Americorp volunteers (Newfound Watershed Volunteers) could be helpful to the Conservation Commission. He invited us to request a time period when the volunteers could assist with the needs of Hebron.

One of NLRA's metrics is terrestrial invasive plants. Martha suggested we could request Americorp volunteers to assist with that issue in Hebron--surveying locations and removal of weeds at entrance to town forest.

Martha remarked that last year the volunteers were extremely helpful with assisting in building the bridges on and the Spectacle Pond Trail and the 'blue' trail still in progress. bridge building. She also stated that stone work is needed for improving access to the bridges. Also we could use assistance with clearing the Bald Knob Trail (orange trail) which leads from Spectacle Pond to the cliffs.

Andrew stated that when the Americorp volunteers work on a project, they will be looking to have local volunteers join them.

There was a discussion of mapping trails in the Town Forest and using GPS/GIS. PSU has GIS courses, but NLRA would need to coordinate with them, but we need to remember they are students.

NLRA events for 2020 - Under Executive Director, Rebecca Hanson, NLRA expects to hold a summer event, and this season winter ice fishing. He stated they would like a family day at Grey Rocks which would probably include fishing instruction. Martha suggested a tour of plantings at Grey Rocks. Grey Rocks plantings are expanding. In addition to native plants, there are now fruit trees. Andrew has the plant list and site map from Steve Whitman/Resilience Planning. Other things being planned include Mushroom foraging and guided paddle with Rick VanderPoll.

NLRA is looking for feedback and ideas for the use of Grey Rocks.

Minutes: Members reviewed minutes of October meeting with corrections. Suzanne made a motion to accept minutes as amended. Bruce seconded. All concurred.

Members reviewed November minutes. Suzanne made motion to approve minutes. Bill seconded the motion. All concurred.

BUDGET:

Members reviewed P&L for 18 month budget ending June 2020. Martha expressed concern that Town Administrator included expenses held over from 2018 in the 2019-20 budget.

We will present budget to Selectboard Feb. 5, 6:25 pm. Proposed total budget for July 2020-June 30, 2021 is estimated at \$4000.

Suzanne made motion to accept \$4000 budget. Bill seconded motion. All concurred.

PERMITS: Dick Cowern at Hillside Condominiums—Tax Map 7 Lot 22-1—Plan submitted and Wetlands Permit By Notification filed. “Replenish existing sandy beach with no more than 10 cu. yds sand. All sand to be place above full lake level 587.88’ “

CHARLES BEAN SANCTUARY—Landing on beach and SIGNS - Next meeting we will focus on this issue. Members were asked to think about possibilities. The deed and other information on the Bean Sanctuary is on the Conservation Commission website. Suzanne will forward link to members.

Other Business:

Bruce made motion to continue our membership with the NH Society for New Hampshire Forests for \$100. Don seconded the motion and all concurred.

Martha made a request for volunteers to help organize HCC files. Available members will meet on January 31 at 1 pm meet to organize files.

We received notice from Spectacle Pond Association that someone is removing blocks of ice from the Hebron end of the pond. The concern is safety. Don suggested we notify the police department or fire department. Suzanne will see if any state law applies. RSA 485:54 addresses ice blocks but only when water is being used as a public drinking water source.

Martha reported that Cate Barrett passed away recently. Cate owned Little Bog Farm at end of Cooper Road. Martha emailed her daughter requesting permission to track/walk on the property.

There being no further business to discuss, Bruce made a motion to adjourn. Don seconded the motion and all concurred. The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Smith

Next meeting will be Wednesday, February 19 at 7 pm.