

Hebron Conservation Commission
Minutes
January 20, 2021

Hebron Conservation Commission met in the Academy Building-Land Use Room-and via Zoom. Present were Suzanne Smith, Martha Twombly, Patrick Moriarity (remote), and Bill Luti (remote).

Martha called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

1. Minutes: Patrick made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 16 meeting. Suzanne seconded the motion and all concurred.
2. Permit review- An Intent to Cut was received and the Selectboard signed it on 1/7/21. The property is owned by Camp Mowglis and is on the east side of the road - opposite lake. Nick Robbins, Executive Director, says it is a selective cut (15 acres total) and will give the camp the opportunity to re-establish the White-footed Mouse Trail and work on establishing a bike trail. The forester is Mark Herbert of Rumney.
3. Bean Sanctuary - Suzanne brought up the subject of putting a monitoring plan into place. The first step is to organize materials to make a cohesive document including Rick VandePoll's Rapid Ecological Assessment, maps and a history of the property. Suzanne will send out a sample Monitoring Inspection Report which is used by the Lakes Region Conservation Trust for members to review. This to be discussed at next meeting.
4. Hebron Town Forest - Discussion of stone steps for bridges and land invasives deferred until next meeting.
5. Spectacle Pond--Patrick reported that Selectboard is discussing if and how to add Spectacle Pond as part of the Lake District in town ordinances. Because there is no road access to Hebron's portion of Spectacle Pond, most of the Lake District Ordinance would not apply, such as parking places, driveways etc. Commission members again agreed that we need to walk boundaries especially on northwest side of the Pond.

Other business: Discussion of violations to Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act (SWQPA) and what town can do to protect lake from stormwater runoff arising from permit violations coupled with heavy storms. Department of Environmental Services has been in communication with Suzanne and has said they will be inspecting the property. However, there are only two DES compliance officers for the entire state. Don Musial, Hebron's compliance officer has been to the property in question. Suzanne said that town may adopt ordinances more stringent than state law, but the town would need to enforce those. Martha said she would talk with Barbara Richter at NH Association of Conservation Commissions to see what other municipalities are doing. Patrick thinks we should strengthen ordinances.

Patrick reported that the Planning Board is working on a solar ordinance particularly to prevent large commercial solar arrays in Hebron. He will keep HCC up to date.

There being no further business to discuss, Suzanne made a motion to adjourn at 8:15 pm, Patrick seconded and all concurred.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 17, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Smith, Acting Secretary