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Hebron Conservation Commission

Meeting - hybrid

Minutes April 20, 2021

Present: Martha Twombly, Suzanne Smith, Patrick Moriarty (remote), Paul Connor

Excused: Bill Luti and Don Musial

Guest: Wilhelmina Bradley – potential member (remote)

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

Martha introduced Wilhelmina to the group and Wilhelmina then gave a brief introduction to members.

Patrick confirmed that the Selectboard has approved Paul Connor as a member of the HCC. Paul was sworn in by Town Clerk, Tracey Steenburgen.

Minutes: Paul made a motion to accept the minutes of the March meeting and Pat seconded the motion. Martha addressed some minor corrections and members voted to accept the minutes as amended.

Permits: Sheldon Family of Amherst, NH. Location: 8 Hemlock Ln. Shoreland Protection and Standard Dredge and Fill / Wetlands.

DES has requested further information in order to complete reviewing and approval of permits. Members reviewed the plans which includes permeable surface patios, new steps down the steep hill to the water as well as seasonal dock. The entire property is within the 250' Shoreland Protection zone. Members expressed concern about proposed garage location, and that it did not seem to be addressed in the DES application. Patrick commented that the Town ordinance states any structure needs to be 50 feet from the road. Suzanne volunteered to take a look if the property is visible from the road. Martha will contact DES with this question.

Charles Bean Sanctuary-Signage and Trespassers

Martha suggested that we do an article for the Town newsletter explaining the rules of the Bean Sanctuary prior to the start of the boating season. She also suggested a more strongly worded article/statement to be posted on the Newfound Lake Community Facebook page which is monitored by Carol Binder. Martha will write up a blurb and send it to members for review. In addition to the No Trespassing signs, Martha suggested a "Wildlife Sanctuary-Nesting area" sign to be posted also. No trespassing does not apply to the sandbar which is separated from the land by water. The need for any signage to be very specific was discussed. Discussion as to whether the sand bar is part of the Bean Sanctuary – as water level changes—whether water is owned by State or sand bar owned by town can get confusing.

Martha provided a sample of possible 'swim lines' which could be used to keep people away from shore. Suzanne will contact Capt. Tim Dunleavy of Marine Patrol to learn if we need a permit or to ask if there are other options.

Last year Travis agreed to go out with Marine Patrol which they supported. Travis is expected to go out with them this year to educate and enforce the "No trespassing" rule.

Hebron Town Forest – Spring projects

Discussion of when to schedule Trail day. Members and friends are invited to go out any time between now and end of May to tackle clean up on one or more of the trails. Friends of Town Forest Trail Day will be scheduled for Saturday, June 5. Kelton Austin will also be helping out doing trail work as part of his Boy Scout merit badge projects. Trail work includes raking, cutting branches and weeding as well as making sure that trails are well-marked. Trails to consider cleaning up are Spectacle Pond, Orange Trail (Bald Knob), first section of blue trail, and Cockermouth Ledge Trail.

Don was scheduled to cut hazard trees and add stone steps to bridge but he has dislocated his shoulder-again.

May newsletter "save the date" for trail day on June 5 and a complete article for June newsletter.

Invasive species around the entrance to town forest are still a problem. Martha and Paul will schedule a work day midweek in May to clear more of the larger invasives which abut the parking lot.

Other business: Forest Society thanked us for our contribution of \$100. Martha shared two books on Invasive Species with Wilhelmina and Paul.

Town Inventory of Invasive Species- Tabled

Charles Bean Sanctuary Monitoring Protocol – Tabled until we meet in person

There being no further business to discuss, Patrick made a motion to adjourn and Paul seconded the motion. All concurred and the meeting was adjourned at 8 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Smith, Acting Secretary