

Hebron Conservation Commission
Minutes May 18, 2022--approved June 15, 2022

Martha called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

Present: Martha Twombly (co-chair), Suzanne Smith (co-chair), Debbie James, Paul Connor, Barbara Kohout.

Excused: Patrick Moriarty

Debbie was elevated to full member status for the meeting.

Minutes: Members reviewed the March minutes. Paul made a motion to approve them. Debbie seconded. All concurred. Suzanne and Barb abstained because they were not present at meeting.

April minutes: Paul made a motion to accept the minutes. Debbie seconded and all concurred.

MAIL: HCC received a thank you from the Forest Society for our donation of \$100.

PERMITS:

DES Shoreland Impact Permit 2022-00677, Jane/Stuart Thompson, 10 Crescent Lane.
Approved with Conditions

DES Shoreland Impact Permit 2021-03582 Brett/Alura Dobens, 49 Lakeshore Dr.
This permit was approved with conditions on 12/16/2021 prior to lot being sold to the Dobens.
This is the lot adjacent to Town Beach and Doug McLane.
There are possible issues with town zoning and setbacks. Martha will speak with Ivan Quincha, chair of the Planning Board.

DES Wetlands Permit: Mary Ann Coughlin, 5 Point Drive. (off Indian Point Rd.) Replenishment of permitted beach.

Hebron Conservation Commission members will meet with the Selectboard on Thursday, June 2 at 2:30 pm. Items to be discussed include:

1. Charles Bean Conservation area plans for this summer re: landing/trespassing
2. Cockermouth River protection plans/goals: cut leaning trees, free and clear debris on a case-by-case basis so:
 - (a) They don't falling the river and take out banks
 - (b) Cause erosion by redirecting flow
 - (c) Represent hazards for the public
 - (d) Capture additional debris and create major log jams
 - (e) Work with DES, F&G to protect wildlife habitat
3. Policy on tree stands in HTF
4. Issue of shooting in Town Forest at Spectacle Pond

5. Universal access (handicapped access) to HTF (change placement of gate or have contact phone person so gate may be opened in specific instances)
6. Art/historic displays in Academy building

Town Forest: Members discussed possible methods of making the Town Forest ADA compliant. Discussion included moving the gate to the distant side of the bridge and utilizing a stile type access in addition to the gate. Bob Wisniewski had previously informed members that a gentleman with a motorized wheel chair was able to make it up the hill to Spectacle Pond. But, getting through the locked gate was not possible without damaging a post. Bob offered to open the gate should this person want access in the future.

Town Forest Management Plan/Timber tour: Paul inquired whether the management plan means that cutting will shortly begin. The Timber tour this weekend will be educational, showing interested Hebron residents how cutting and regeneration can be supportive of a healthy forest even though it may look pretty bad for a year or two. This tour will be followed later this year with a presentation by Forest Resource Consultants, LLC, to review the new Forest Management Plan and options available to the town.

On Monday Chris Guigere and his team of workers, Bob Martens, and Martha Twombly cut hazard trees along the Spectacle Pond trail on Monday. Next Monday the team will tackle the hazard trees on the Cockermouth Ledge Trail.

Trail clean up day is scheduled for June 4 at 9 am. Suzanne will write a notice for the Hebron newsletter. Rain date is scheduled for June 11.

Martha asked for members who can help to recon the trail which circles behind cabins at Spectacle Pond and if needed, adjust the present trail for safety. The "White Trail" has never been properly laid out and at least 1 bridge is needed. Americorps volunteers from NLRA are available and we hope that they can work on the bridge.

Another project for this summer is to add additional boundary markers and replace missing markers especially in area around Spectacle Pond where there are cabins.

Hebron Fair: The HCC will have a table and tent at the Hebron Fair to educate the public. Barbara is leading that effort and has been gathering handouts and posters for the booth. The booth is 10x10. Barb is in the process of mounting posters, including 2 Audubon bird posters.

Barb brought up having a clean up day for trash pick up along the road for Earth Day 2023.

There being no further business to discuss, Martha made a motion to adjourn. Debbie seconded. All concurred

Meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Suzanne Smith, Acting Secretary