

Hebron Conservation Commission
Minutes (approved) August 17, 2022

Martha called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

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

Both Barb and Debbie were elevated to regular member.

MINUTES:

Members reviewed the July minutes. Debbie made a motion to accept the minutes. Martha seconded the motion. All concurred.

Charles Bean Conservation Area: Rafting and crowds abutting the Bean Sanctuary and the Hebron Beach is a continued problem as reported by abutters. Suzanne stated that when Hebron residents call her to report people not obeying the law—which is potentially causing harm to wildlife, swimmers and water quality—they should call 911 so that the state police/marine patrol have a record of the incidents. The more reports that are called in the higher likelihood that Marine Patrol will spend more time at Newfound Lake.

Members discussed the health problems associated with lack of restrooms, boats without latrines, and the health hazards such as e-coli. Paul suggested a barge with portalets to provide public restrooms. This is something to consider and discuss before next year as there are no public facilities on the lake except for at Wellington. Grey Rocks' portalet is only accessible for non-motorized boats/paddleboards and Hebron beach is only open to residents.

Hebron Town Forest:

Barb brought up the subject of memorial benches. People could donate funds for new benches. Since the town owns the forest and pays for improvements, Suzanne was not sure if we could start a publicly funded campaign since the Conservation Commission is funded by the town. This is something that should be looked into. Paul suggested quotes on plaques on benches, possibly something from John Muir.

Paul Pellesier and Americorps volunteers from NLRA have completed the bridge on the 'white' trail on the north side of Spectacle Pond. Martha, Suzanne and Bob Martens raked most of the trail and Paul and Martha worked on an offshoot which will take hikers down to the shore where Hebron Town Forest owns 1500 feet of frontage on Spectacle Pond. This is a work in progress. Martha will write a thank you to Wayne Decoutis and Dave Godbout for their assistance moving the lumber for the bridge as well as the benches via boat.

Hebron Fair: The fair was a great success for the Conservation Commission. At least 10 people signed up to be part of the Friends group. Members were busy all day. Members thank Barb Kohout for her initiative. Members discussed having more children's activities which were well received. Martha suggested that we need a better way to display resource maps.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Smith, Acting Secretary