

Hebron Conservation Commission
Approved Minutes
December 14, 2022

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

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

Guest: Stacy Darlington

Debbie was elevated to regular member.

MINUTES:

October 22, 2022 minutes. Martha made one minor correction. Suzanne made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Debbie seconded the motion and all concurred.

November 30, 2022 minutes. Paul made a motion to accept minutes as written. Debbie seconded and all concurred.

PERMITS: none

MAIL: No mail of note

Wetlands Protection Overlay District:

Members continued review of the WPOD and discussed sections that members feel need to be updated such as Definitions, buffers and setbacks, and the Verification of Wetland Boundaries. Members also discussed proposed changes being reviewed by the Planning Board which in most cases overlap what HCC members discussed.

HCC will share our discussion with the Planning Board and any proposed changes recommended by both HCC and PB will then be reviewed by the town's attorney.

In discussing definitions as related to vernal pools, all agreed that their importance to wildlife and the environment is not well understood by the public. Members discussed a spring educational session and possible field trip and publicizing 'salamander crossings' which will help educate the public about vernal pools.

NH Association of Conservation Commissions is hosting a number of zoom meetings to educate members about wetlands this winter and spring. This could be very valuable for all members.

Meeting with Selectboard: HCC was scheduled to discuss a Town sponsored lake water testing program for 2023. This meeting has been postponed, because NLRA has plans to set up a water testing program for 2023, and it is still in the planning phase. This has come about because the state stopped regular testing lake water at town beaches for e-coli and other bacteria at sites where the water quality has consistently been good.

There being no further business to discuss, Suzanne made a motion to adjourn, Paul seconded. All concurred. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Smith, Acting Secretary