Hebron Conservation Commission Minutes January 18, 2023

PRESENT: Paul Connor, Debbie James, Barbara Kohout, Martha Twombly (co-chair), Suzanne Smith (co-chair Absent: Patrick Moriarty

Guest: Stacy Darlington

Martha called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Minutes: Barb suggested a couple of minor changes to the December minutes. Members agreed with changes. Barb made a motion to accept minutes as amended. Paul seconded. All concurred.

Permits: Amended Shoreland Impact Permit 2022-03296 Beachwood Association Tax Ma0 #1A, Lot #BW 4-BW-2 Approved with conditions by DES

Cockermouth River/Town Forest: Members discussed damage done to the Cockermouth River extending upstream from the bridge at the entrance to the Town Forest during the flooding event in December. The beach across from southwestern corner of the Town Forest property on the Spaulding /Matthews property was washed away. High water caused beach upstream to be washed away. Stacy Darlington reported that the flooding resulted in their property gaining 5 feet of beach along the river. Members will do a field trip along the river on Saturday morning. Meet up 9:30 at the Town Forest parking lot.

Invasive Species: Since the Burn and Barbecue event last year was so popular, Martha will organize the 2nd annual event which will happen in late March, weather permitting.

Charles Bean Sanctuary – Winter monitoring should be scheduled, but because of warm weather, we will wait until lake is frozen.

Hebron Town Newsletter: The Conservation Commission has been submitting regular articles to the Town newsletter. Thoughts for future articles include:
February either snowshoeing in Town Forest or Beavers.
Spotted Lantern Fly (invasives) March issue (Barb).
April – vernal pools and salamander crossings
May – Bird walks during migration. And /or beavers.

There being no further issues to discuss, Deb made a motion to adjourn. Suzanne seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Suzanne Smith