

Hebron Conservation Commission
Minutes -- Approved
March 29, 2023

Present: Martha Twombly (co-chair), Suzanne Smith (co-chair), Paul Conner
Guest: Stacy Darlington

Martha called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Minutes: Paul made motion to approve the minutes with one typo fixed. Suzanne seconded and all concurred.

Permits: No permits pending.

Hebron Town Forest:

Invasive species: Burn and Barbecue has been scheduled for Thursday March 13 at 10 am.
Suzanne will invite Friends of Hebron Town Forest to the event.

Trail projects: Martha reached out to Lew Shelley about 2 projects in Town Forest (1) Cockermouth Ledge Trail and (2) Spectacle Pond extension which departs from White trail and goes down to waterfront on the north side of the pond. Lew will come up soon to check out the work and give estimate on work.
Martha will reach out to Chris Giguere about removing hazard trees along the trail prior to June 30.

Beaver activity on Spectacle Pond trail-- We should wait until snow is gone and trail somewhat drier and then have Skip Lisle come look at it.

Trail work day: This will be scheduled for early June at our next meeting

Martha reported that there was evidence of a truck driving all the way up to Spectacle Pond. She also saw evidence that a smaller vehicle has been driving through the town forest and across the field and possibly up to Spectacle Pond. We have also heard evidence of ATVs using the Flint Forest. Martha will reach out to SPNHF about this.

Planning Board – Proposed changes WPOD and Floodplain District ordinances were presented a public hearing last week which Suzanne and Debbie attended. Turnout was not large and there were not a lot of questions.

ZBA meeting March 28—Suzanne and Martha attended this meeting. After discussion of the project and how close it will be to the Town Forest property and Spectacle Pond, the ZBA recessed the meeting without make a decision. The ZBA asked the Downey family to withdraw the application and asked for a new proposal which does not encroach on town

property. Members also expressed interest in doing a site visit. Does SWQPA apply to this situation? Suzanne will reach out to DES to find out rules.

Conservation Commission will submit a letter to the ZBA expressing our concerns.

Charles Bean Sanctuary – On Feb. 27, Barb, Deb and Paul performed winter monitoring of the Conservation Area. They presented their written report which will be placed in the file.

Annual Town Report – Martha is working on this and it will be submitted to town Administrator.

Martha made a motion to adjourn. Paul seconded and all concurred. Adjourned at 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Smith, Acting Secretary