



TOWN OF DEERING

**Deering Conservation Commission
Deering , NH**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OCTOBER 4, 2004**

UNAPPROVED

Call to Order:

The meeting commenced at 7:35 PM .

*The Meeting was held in the building -²Virginia,³ - @ theDeering Conf, Ctr.
due to the Renovation of the Deering Town Hall.,*

We will continue to meet there monthly until the renovation is finished.

Attendance:

Present-- Chm. Ed Cobbett, Gary Bono, Keith Johnson, Michelle Johnson , Bob Garland, LeeSteffy Jenkins, Bev Yeaple, Clerk and Alt. Absent: Steve Ainsworth. Also in attendance: Larry Sunderland

First order of Business:

Larry Sunderland gave a brief report on the 2004 summer Milfoil Protection Program at the Deering Boat Ramp. Paid attendants and volunteers worked primarily weekends and Holidays at the Deering Lake boat ramp. Six hundred & thirty one boats were inspected for milfoil.

The hours covered were from 6AM to 6PM. The hours worked increased by 11%. Fridays were covered in late July into August. There was 15 to 20% less traffic this year vs. 2003 - and that was probably due to the weather this year. Three boats were positive for weeds. No milfoil was found. There were only (3) Fishing tournaments this year. The expenses this year amounted to \$ 1500.00

The NH Marine Patrol also inspects the lake.

The Weed Watchers program has been going for 3 years and the volunteers tour the periphery of the lake at least 3 x a year.

A Warrant article to support this ongoing program will be prepared by Larry for the Town Meeting .

The Chairman requested Larry Sunderland to write up the summary of the 2004 Deering Milfoil Protection Program - for the Town Report.

The regular meeting of the Conservation Commission began at 8:10 PM

Approval of the Minutes of the September 13, 2004 Meeting

The minutes were approved unanimously . GB/BY

Treasures Report:

The Chairman reported the Commission is well within it's budget for the year. There are adequate funds available for the printing of additional 1:1000 maps prior to the Town Meeting in March. Gary and Keith will work together on what maps will be needed for the DCC display , handouts and files .

Communications:

1. NHDES - Received a paper on - ³Drinking water resources²

2. CNHRPC (Central NH Regional Planning Commission)

Order form for the 2005 Edition of -

³ NH PLANNING & LAND USE REGULATIONS- ³

The Clerk was asked to order (one) 1 copy for the Commission file . Price \$ 8.97

3. **Fox Forest Newsletter.** A new boardwalk to Mud Pond Bog was erected and was dedicated on Sept. 26, 2004 to the memory of Brian Simm.

4. **NHDES** - copy of letter to Patrick A Guiney, **Map 234, Lot 16** concerning a ³ non-conforming ³ primary structure. The Code Enforcement Officer has inspected the site and the DES has sent an after the fact Shoreland Waiver application to Mr. Guiney .

Copy saved to be placed on file - under Map 234-Lot 16

5. Copy of **PWA** Newsletter received.

Old Business:

1. C. Greene junkyard - appealing decision to the NH Supreme Court

2. Conservation easements:

The Ferris easement donation is underway . The Town will own the property and will eventually donate the easement to a non-profit organization. The Commission members voted unanimously to use some monies from the Conservation Funds to pay for an appraisal of the property. Motion made by BY/seconded by MJ .

3. Budget for 2005 - items . It was the consideration of all

members to keep the same appropriations for the 2005 budget of the DCC.

4. Interns - Lee Jenkins had a conversation with the new Superintendent of the Hillsboro -Deering School proposing a student intern project connected with the Deering Conservation Commission -

5. The Yearly Walk of the easements . Gary volunteered to do as many as he could .

Those he cannot do -will be done by others in November.

Must do job-to install the boundary markers of the new easements, particularly- the McAlister property.

6. What to do with the discarded Tires on discontinued roads, by roadsides old paths etc. ?

Peter Beard and the Highway Dept. have collected the old tires and will dispose of them.

The owner of the property will be notified.

New Business:

1. Keith Johnson, Chm. of the Planning Board discussed with the Commission members what was happening on the SD plan on the former property of H. Swenson. (See Pl. Bd. minutes)
2. Discussion re the appearance and post season condition of the Lake recreation area. This summer - the whole area was treated with greater care by all the users . Evidently - the public appreciates a clean place and has helped to keep it that way. Chm. Cobbett and Bob Garland will pick up the picnic tables for winter storage at B.Yeaple's.
3. FALL CLEAN UP DAY. - Keith will send out reminder cards.
4. Bob Garland has made and marked a trail to the top of Peter Woods Hill on the Tom Copadis property.
5. It was noted that the pond on the old Center Rangeway Road has now become a meadow,
ie the beavers have moved to a new location.
Bob reports that the old Henniker Road has severely washed out.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Beverly Yeaple, Clerk and Alternate, DCC