Deering Conservation Commission 762 Deering Center Road Deering, NH 03244 Draft Minutes for November 13, 2023

Attendance: Gary Samuels, Mike Thomas, Tim Finn, Dennis Sawyer, Stacie Hernandez, Roy Watson (BOS), Kay Hartnett, Bob Welsh, Greg Sereni, Matt Latkiewicz

Others Present: Glenn Clark, Kim Roy

Call to order: Meeting called to order, 6 pm.

Minutes: Minutes of October 23 accepted.

Correspondence:

Correspondence received from NH DES reported alleged violation Land Resources Management File # 2023-02937, 102 Glen Rd, Tax Map 215 Lot 14 . DES will investigate allegation of alteration of 100,000 square feet or more without a permit or proper authorization from DES.

Members of the DCC enjoyed reading the thoughtful thank you notes from Barry Camp participants.

Old Business:

Easement Monitoring & Perambulation of Town Borders.

Update and discussion of ongoing easement monitoring by members of the DCC. More easements to be monitored in upcoming weeks. DCC members reminded to team up to conduct monitoring. BOS representative Roy Watson will be participating in annual town border perambulations with representatives from surrounding towns.

Gregg Hill Nature Preserve update

Update provided by Mike Thomas. Leon Nelson has completed the fall mowing of the preserve. Mike Thomas and volunteers will complete the next phase of planting the pollinator gardens with a seed planting work session on Thursday, November 10.

Other items

Update on and discussion of the chestnut orchard at the Tom Rush Forest.

Discussion of road salt usage in the watershed overlay district.

New Business:

2024 Budget Request

Discussion of private well water testing project. Gary S. will be presenting/discussing this project at the upcoming joint Budget Advisory Committee/Board of Selectman meeting on November 14. Greg Sereni will be joining Gary at the meeting. The proposal is for the DCC to organize a town-wide private well water testing program that promotes, facilitates and provides funding for private well water testing. The DCC will include a request for \$15,000 in our 2024 budget to fund the program.

Nonpublic Session

Motion by Gary Samuels to enter nonpublic session according to RSA 91-A:3, II, (d) Yes, unanimous. Enter nonpublic session at 6:41.

Motion Exit nonpublic session at 7:03.

Motion by Gary Samuels, 2nd by Mike Thomas to seal the nonpublic minutes. Yes, unanimous.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:04. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted: Tim Finn