

Deering Conservation Commission
762 Deering Center Road
Deering, NH 03244
Minutes for February 12, 2024

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

Others Present: Kim Roy

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

Minutes: Minutes of January 8, 2024 approved.

Correspondence:

A thoughtful thank you note received from a Barry Conservation camper.

Old Business

Lake Host update

Tim Finn and Gary Samuels provided an update on the upcoming Lake Host season. Gary Samuels, Glenn Clark, Tim Finn, Stacey Hernandez and Elizabeth LaBier met recently to discuss/plan for the season. Elizabeth LaBier will be the local program coordinator. The season will run from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. The boat launch will be staffed on Thursday afternoons from 1 pm to 5 pm and on Fridays - Sundays from 7 am to 6 pm. Grant application to be completed in March. There is a need for two new lake hosts in addition to returning staff.

New Business

Moved that the Deering Conservation Commission approves the expenditure of \$662.78 from the Town Conservation Fund for framing large maps that highlight conservation details and that will be generally available to Town Committees, Boards and Officers, and printing conservation display posters. Conservation Commission deems this expenditure is justified as the materials are necessary to: "Advertise, prepare, print and distribute books, maps, charts, plans and pamphlets" (NH RSA 36-A). **Motion** by Gary S, 2nd by Tim F. **Yes, unanimous.**

Discussion of DCC display at town elections on March 12

Our display will include recently framed maps highlighting conservation details in Deering. The maps were produced as part of the recently completed Natural Resource Inventory. Thank you to Kay Hartnett for arranging for the framing of these maps.

Gary Samuels proposed that the display also present information describing and promoting a private well water testing program for Deering residents and information on protecting water quality in the Deering Reservoir. This two-part water quality program will be a major focus of DCC efforts during the current year.

Discussion of the negative impact of road salt on water quality in the reservoir.

Greg Sereni led a discussion of a proposed private well water testing program for Deering residents. The plan is to hold an information session at the Deering Town Hall on Thursday, June 13 with a representative from NH DES in attendance. Greg Sereni and Matt Latkiewicz will produce an informational poster for the DCC town elections display. Volunteers for staffing the display: 8am to 12pm—Gary, Kim. 12pm to 4pm—Bob, Tim. 4pm to 7pm—Kay, Greg.

Wood Duck Nesting Box Update

Dennis Sawyer provided an update on this season's inspections of wood duck nesting boxes in Deering. Recent cold weather has allowed DCC members and volunteers to access and check on 31 of the 45 nesting boxes. Inspections will continue over the coming weeks.

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

The next meeting is scheduled for 6 pm, Monday, March 11, 2024 at the Deering Town Hall

Respectfully Submitted: Tim Finn