

**Deering Conservation Commission**  
**762 Deering Center Road**  
**Deering, NH 03244**

**Minutes for 12 October 2020 Meeting**

**Attendance:** Gary Samuels, Mike Thomas, Tim Finn, Stacie Hernandez, Kay Hartnett

**Also present:** Glenn Clark

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by Gary Samuels.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting of 14 September were accepted.

**Correspondence:** Town of Deering has received a letter from the Tyrell Foundation confirming that the town is not obligated to set aside space for a library on the Gregg Hill Lots.

**Old Business:**

Possible conservation easement on Reservoir Road. A former Deering Resident proposed donating a 10 acre forested block to the town of Deering, which the town is unable to accept. The Piscataquog Land Conservancy was approached but also declined. Samuels proposed that the a building lot be surveyed out of the block and the owner place a conservation easement on the remaining 8 acres, to be held by Deering Conservation Commission. The owner has not replied.

Pollinator Garden. Stacie Hernandez submitted a grant proposal to NH Fish & Game in search of funding for the pollinator garden. Mike Thomas and Stacie will discuss the pollinator garden project with Deering BOS at an upcoming meeting. Specifically they will describe needed mowing and a parking area, and will seek permission to use sand from the town sand pit to weight down tarps that cover the flower beds.

Roadside cleanup. The fall roadside cleanup proceeded on Saturday, October 3. Members of the DCC (Samuels, J & D Sawyer, M & S Thomas, Finn, and Hernandez) participated.

Trash removal from Hedgehog Mt Rd 1Ac lot. Mike Thomas will request assistance of the town BOS in removing trash from the Hedgehog Mt Rd lot that is to be donated to SPNHF.

Easement Monitoring. Fish & Game, Roy, Wilusz, Crosby and Samuels easements remain to be monitored.

**New Business:**

Possible conservation easement: Tax Map 222 lot 3. Owners of this 50 acre lot approached the Piscataquog Land Conservancy with a desire to sell it to the land trust, for permanent conservation. PLC contacted Deering Conservation Commission in order to gauge local interest in contributing to the proposed \$250,000 purchase price. PLC noted that there were possibilities apart from fee purchase and that PLC would explore those possibilities. Conservation Commission members decided not to commit funds to the project until there was a firm agreement between PLC and the owners. Con Comm members joined PLC staff in viewing

the lot on 25 October. It is noted that Deering lake is the headwater of the Piscataquog river and one of at least 4 headwater streams that flow directly into the reservoir originates in this lot.

2021 UNH Barry 4-H Conservation Camp. Conservation Commission has been informed that participants in the summer camp must be determined no later than 1 February 2021, at least two months earlier than in prior years. Conservation Commission supports two children. In recent years Deering Conservation Commission has supported children from neighboring towns to attend the camp, with support from local donors. Members decided to discontinue this practice, sending only Deering residents. Chairman Samuels will inform Hillsborough Conservation Commission of this plan in the hope that Hillsborough Conservation Commission will support attendance at the camp, if they do not do so already.

Another big tree in Deering. Samuels reported the discovery of an American elm tree on Dickey Hill Road that UNH Extension Big Tree program has determined to be a NH state champion.

Conservation Commission membership. Member Tim Finn announced his intention to resign from the Conservation Commission in November.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 by chairman Samuels.

The next meeting will be held on 9 November in Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Samuels

Deering Conservation Commission