

***Deering Conservation Commission
762 Deering Center Road
Deering, New Hampshire 03244***

Minutes for 09 Oct 2017 Meeting

Attendance: Gary Samuels, Bob Welsh, Jon Stuart, Keith Johnson, Dennis Sawyer, Jackie Sawyer

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 6:30 by Chairman Bob Welsh

Old Business:

Lake Hosts. Bob Welsh reported on recent activity with regard to replacing Larry Sunderland as coordinator of Deering Lake Host Program. Following is a summary of this activity as it is understood by DCC. Bob Welsh will report this understanding to BOS. Deering resident Peter Kaplan has notified Deering BOS of an apparent failure on the part of DCC to act to fill the position of Coordinator of the Deering Reservoir Lake Host program that is soon to be left vacant by the 'retirement' of long-time coordinator Larry Sunderland. Mr Kaplan's concern follows an announcement to a meeting of the DLIA by Mr Sunderland that DCC was not acting to replace him. Mr Kaplan's chief concern is that the Lake Host program continue and that in the absence of action by DCC, Deering BOS should act by appointing a coordinator as a town employee, rather than as a volunteer working with DCC. Mr Kaplan spoke to BOS at its meeting of 4 October. In attendance at that meeting were DCC members Welsh, Stuart and Samuels. In addition to Msrs Kaplan, Sunderland and several members of DLIA. Mr Sunderland told BOS that none of the past year's lake hosts were planning to return for 2018. Mr Stuart volunteered to contact neighboring towns that also have lake host programs in order to learn their pay scales for lake hosts and also whether coordinators from nearby towns would be willing to take over the position in Deering. After discussing the situation BOS member Belouin suggested that town administrator be instructed to learn from nearby towns that have Lake Host programs how much they pay their lake hosts and also whether any of them would assume the role of coordinator for Deering, making the coordinator a town employee. This was decided on and an item to be included in the 2018 town budget will be presented to budget advisory committee. Samuels expressed a concern that somebody should begin now to recruit Lake Hosts for the 2018 season given that there is no estimate of when a replacement for Mr Sunderland will be in place.

New Business:

Wetland permit. Deering Lake summer resident Glenn Clark described a demand by NH DES that he remove his seasonal dock from Deering Reservoir (tax map 228 lot 91). Mr Clark noted that his dock is the same as many docks on the reservoir and that maintenance on it is done following lake draw-down when the pilings are exposed. Mr Clark is applying to DES for expedited processing of a 'Minimal Impact' permit (NHDES-W-076-012 wetlands permit). This

requires, as a first step, that DCC agrees to the following, which was approved unanimously by DCC:

1. DCC waives its right to intervene from RSA 482-A;
2. DCC believes that the application and submitted plans accurately represent the proposed project;
3. DCC has no objection to permitting the proposed work.

Adopt-a-highway cleanup. On Saturday, 07 Oct DCC members Stuart, Gill, and Samuels picked up trash along Deering Center Rd, from Hillsboro town line to Wolf Hill Rd. Approximately 22 bags of trash were collected. DCC members Jackie & Dennis Sawyer cleaned Old County Rd from Deering Center Rd to Hart Farm Rd.

Easement monitoring. DCC is responsible for annual monitoring of 22 conserved properties in Deering. DCC members indicated which properties that they would monitor for 2017. Samuels noted that he is in contact with NHSPF with the objective of transferring town-owned properties that abut easements held by NHSPF to NHSPF. Most of these lots are smaller than 5 acres.

Summer camp program. Jon Stuart volunteered to contact Hillsboro/Deering Middle School in the hope of attracting students to apply for the 2018 program. Samuels and Johnson noted that we must commit to the program by mid-January, after which time all camp spots will be quickly filled.

Budget. DCC members voted to keep the same budget for 2018 as it had for 2017 with the exception that an additional \$500 will be sought to support an additional summer campership.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 by chairman Welsh.

Respectfully submitted

Gary J. Samuels
Secretary