

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

**Minutes for 9 December 2019 Meeting**

**Attendance:** Gary Samuels, Kay Hartnett, Mike Thomas, Tim Finn, Dennis Sawyer, Jackie Sawyer

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

**Minutes:** The minutes of 9 September were accepted.

**Correspondence: None received**

**Old Business:** Lake Host program. Jon Stuart will write the grant this year. A potential Lake Host manager has been found.

Town owned properties. The Society for Protection of NH Forests is interested in acquiring 2 town owned parcels. There is a 1 acre parcel on Hedgehog Mtn. Rd. that is surrounded by Forest Society land. The 2<sup>nd</sup> parcel is 10 acres on Old County Rd. that abuts Forest Society land, and is landlocked.

The PLC (Piscataquog Land Conservancy) is possibly interested in acquiring the Easements on 4 properties that are owned by Deering. The Library lots need to be conserved (may be a location for a future library), the Carew lot, and the Ferris lot which is all wetlands and beautiful wildlife habitat.

Both would then be responsible to monitor these properties, and would be responsible for any legal issues.

A motion was made by Mike Thomas for Gary to write both Warrant Articles to bring to the BOS, and then the Town Mtng. All were in favor.

**New Business:** Gary presented the Conservation Commission budget to the BAC.

The town puts \$5000 annually into the exotic weed control expendable trust fund, and it pays annual Lake host salaries of about \$3000 from that trust fund. In order to increase the amount of money available to control a possible infestation of Deering Lake by an invasive organism, an increase of at least \$2000 in the amount placed in the EWCETF for 2020 will be proposed at Town Meeting, from \$5000 to \$7000, at least for 2020.

The BAC approved the purchase of water testing equipment for Deering use only. There have been issues with missing and old equipment from Concord. This will give greater flexibility in timing of testing, also.

Easement monitoring. There are only a couple left to monitor.

Duck Box program. Need safe ice before the boxes are checked. 2 boxes were donated and 1 older box found under water is in good condition to use again. There are spare parts, and pieces of wood available for repairs.

Tim Finn requested the Commission make \$100. donation to the CNBRLAC for their river outreach program, which was approved. A total of 14 towns are represented by this committee (cnbrlac.org). They play a vital role in protecting our rivers, shorelines and contributing watersheds.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 P.M. by chairman Samuels.

The next meeting will be held on 13 January 2020 in Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline Sawyer, secretary

Deering Conservation Commission

Addendum: See attached warrant articles.

To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to convey a conservation easement relative to the below listed properties, already owned by the Town, to a “qualified organization” as defined in section 170(h) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the organizational purpose of which is to hold and manage the type of preservation interests in land defined in RSA 477:45), said easement to be given to carry out the purposes of RSA 36-A. The terms and conditions of the conservation easement, including duration, shall be determined by the Selectboard with review and recommendation of the Conservation Commission. And to see whether the town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 36-A:4-a, I(b) to vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 36-A:4-a, I(b) to authorize the conservation commission to expend funds for contributions to 'qualified organizations' for the purchase of property interests, or facilitating transactions related thereto, where the property interest is to be held by the qualified organization and the town will retain no interest in the property. Approved by the Conservation Commission 6:0

**Ferris Tract** Tax Map 219 lot 2, approx. 65 Ac

**Carew Lots** Tax Map 222 lots 6, 10.3 ac

**Library Lots** Tax Map 223 lots 8, 9, 14 ac

To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to convey ownership of the below listed properties, already owned by the Town, to a “qualified organization” as defined in section 170(h) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the organizational purpose of which is to hold and manage the type of preservation interests in land defined in RSA 477:45), said easement to be given to carry out the purposes of RSA 36-A. And to see if the town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 36-A:4-a, II(b) to authorize the conservation commission to expend funds for contributions to 'qualified organizations' for the purchase of property interests, or facilitating transactions related thereto, where the property interest is to be held by the qualified organization and the town will retain no interest in the property?" Approved by the Conservation Commission 6:0

**Tax map 241 lot 17**

**Tax map 219 lot 15**

