

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

Minutes for 08 Jan 2018 Meeting

Attendance: Jon Stuart, Kay Hartnett, Gary Samuels, Dennis Sawyer, Jackie Sawyer

Also present: Glenn Clark, Alan Maddox

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by Jon Stuart

Old Business.

Lake Hosts Program. Jon Stuart reported on his activities as incoming coordinator for Deering's Lake Hosts program. He has met with the Conservation Program director of NH Lakes to learn what is expected of the local coordinator. He is now established with the NH Lakes program as Deering's coordinator and all communications from NH Lakes will come to the town through Jon. NH Lakes will provide Jon with two previous grant proposals to help him prepare the proposal for 2018. Jon will soon meet with HD High guidance counselor to begin process of recruiting lake hosts for the 2018 season. Jon will be looking for students whose interests are in environment, conservation and ecology in the belief that these students are likely to remain with the program and working with Lake Hosts would look good on their curriculum vitae. Jon will take training to be coordinator of the program. Alan Clark, Deering Lake resident, and Gary Samuels indicated their willingness to attend the same training sessions so as to provide backup for Jon.

Duck Boxes. Dennis Sawyer has taken over the program and is looking for ConComm members to accept assignments. The cold spell that has affected area over the last few weeks has rendered the ice solid (according to Alan Maddox the ice on Deering Lake is 16" thick at this time). He, Jon Stuart, Kay Hartnett and Gary Samuels indicated their intention to work on the boxes over the next two weeks.

2017 Easement Monitoring. A few properties were not monitored 2017. There is no 'book' for the Wilusz easement. Samuels said that he would organize one.

2018 summer camp. Gary Samuels reported that Deering Fish & Game Club would support a child from within its membership and not work through DCC. Samuels reported that 4 Deering residents have indicated their willingness to each support a camper. DCC itself has increased its support from 1 – 2 children. In the end DCC and private donors will support a total of 6 camperships to the UNH Barry 4-H Conservation camp. This year DCC will restrict its support to Deering Residents. Samuels has reserved spots for six campers, 5 boys and one girl. Advertising will be through the Deering Town Crier. Application deadline has been set for 1 March.

Membership of Deering Conservation Commission. Following is a list of current members and the end dates of their 3-year terms:

Bob Welsh	Expired September 2017.
Jon Stuart	March 2018

Gary Samuels	March 2018 – not currently sworn in
Kay Hartnett	Feb 2018
Eric Simon	May 2019
Dennis Sawyer	March 2020
Keith Johnston	May 2019

Bob Welsh has been directed to request that the BOS reappoint him and Kay Hartnett as members of DCC.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 by Jon Stuart.

The next meeting is scheduled for 12 February, 6:30 pm, Deering Town Hall.

APPROVED