

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

Minutes for 13 March 2017 Meeting

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

Attendance: Kay Hartnett, Gary Samuels, Bob Welsh, Eric Simon, Keith Johnson

Also present: Deering residents Dennis & Jackie Sawyer, Ed Cobbett, Gary Bono, Glen Clark, Alan Maddox.

Correspondence: An Alteration of Terrain permit for tax map 218: 23, 24 from NH DES.

Old Business. Protected land. Ed Cobbett presented the updated list of protected land in Deering. Currently 88 parcels covering 7144 acres are protected. Five lots are fee-owned by the town. Originally considered for protection by a town-held conservation easement, they have not been so protected. Mr Cobbett strongly recommended that the following parcels/lots be protected by conservation easements:

Gregg/Sleeper map 209, lots 19 & 20 approx. 15 acre

Carew lots map 222, lots 6 & 7 33 A

Ferris Tract map 219 lot 2 65 A

Falls Rd Lot map 242 lot 13 2 A

Manny's Marsh map 212 lot 14 5.7 A

In addition Mr Cobbett recommended donating town owned lot 241:17 to either Meadowlands Timber or Society for Protection of NH Forests. This 10A parcel has no road frontage or development potential by itself. It is surrounded on three sides by protected land. On the west by Meadowlands Timber (241:16) and on the north and east by Society for Protection of NH Forests (234:2). Donating the parcel (241:17) to a land trust would protect it from any possibility of development and put it back onto the tax rolls.

Gary Bono discussed the new map of protected lands and his desire to move forward by making 'layers' for that map showing, for example, soil types. He indicated that he would proceed with the help of Commission member Keith Johnson, who prepared the new map of protected lands and a new trail map with help from Mr Bono.

Duck Boxes 2017. The unusually warm weather prevented monitoring of boxes on Audubon Sanctuary and in east Deering. The sudden cold turn that we are experiencing now might enable their monitoring.

New Business

Mr Bono discussed his intention to provide voters at the upcoming town election with various items that focus on the new map of protected lands.

Gary Samuels did a show-and-tell of the DCC display at the election. This will highlight some of the activities of DCC.

Roadside Cleanup. In collaboration with DLIA the 2017 town roadside cleanup will take place on the first Saturday of May (Len Clark said that DLIA would be holding (6 May).

Road salting. Alan Maddox noted excessive application of salt to parts of Reservoir Rd that have Deering Watershed Signs. This should be taken up with town administrator.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 by chairman Welsh.

The next meeting will be held on 10 Apr 2017 at 6:30 in Town Hall. Roadside cleanup and placing lots into conservation easement will be discussed.

Respectfully submitted
Gary Samuels, Secretary