

Deering Conservation Commission  
762 Deering Center Road  
Deering, NH 03244

Minutes for March 21, 2023

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

Others Present: Bob Welsh, Glenn Clark.

**Call to order:** Gary Samuels called meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**Minutes:** Minutes of February 13 approved.

**Correspondence:**

Correspondence received from DES to NH Audubon Society regarding Black Fox Pond dam closure of Letter of Deficiency. Inspection notice of 15 March 2023 provides several recommendations for improving the condition of the dam and extending its longevity. Gary Samuels will copy and share with DCC members.

NHDES File # 2023-00509 278 Reservoir Rd, Tax Map 235 Lot 31/29. Complete Seasonal Dock Notification for Lakes & Ponds (RSA 482-A). Approved contingent upon several conditions pursuant to RSA 482-A3, IV-a.

**Old Business:**

*Membership*

Bob Welsh's nomination to be presented at upcoming BOS meeting.

*Natural Resource Inventory Update*

See discussion of election day display.

*Election Day Display*

Discussion of maps and other material from NRI working group to be displayed on Election Day. Mike Thomas reviewed materials provided by CNHRPC.

*Duck Box Update*

Dennis Sawyer provided update on annual duck box monitoring. Monitoring will be completed soon.

### *Gregg Hill Update*

Mike Thomas shared information on the signage to be installed on the Gregg Hill lot. The lot will be designated the Gregg Hill Nature Preserve. The sign will include some history of the Deering/Carew ski tow as well as information on bird life, pollinators and native plants present on the lot. A map will show a path to the summit. Geographic features which can be viewed from the hilltop are described. Discussion of signage content will continue at future DCC meetings.

### **New Business:**

Discussion of New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions' letter opposing Governor Sununu's proposed licensure and regulatory reforms which would eliminate professional licenses and certifications for Forester, Soil Scientist and Certified Wetlands Scientist, among others. These proposed licensure and regulatory reforms are contained in House Bill 2. **Motion** by Mike Thomas, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dennis Sawyer: The Deering Conservation Commission supports and signs on to the letter being sent by NHACC to the state legislature opposing the proposed licensure and regulatory reforms contained in House Bill 2. **Yes, Unanimous.**

Discussion of Town Conservation Fund update.

### **Other business:**

#### *Deering Reservoir Water Testing Update*

Discussion of Deering Reservoir water testing. The plan is to test 3 times (May, June, August) during the upcoming summer, 2023. Glenn Clark is leading the effort. Discussion of recently received report for 2022 testing. The report has been posted under the Conservation Commission tab on the town website. Discussion of concerns about impact of road salt on Deering Reservoir. Discussion about potential impact of logging operation on Deering Reservoir.

Discussion about concerns regarding work done by Deering Lake property owner.

### **Meeting adjourn:**

Meeting adjourned at 6:35.

The next meeting will be held at 6pm on Monday, April 10, 2023 at the Deering Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted by Tim Finn.

APPROVED