

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

Minutes for 09 April 2018 Meeting

Attendance. Jon Stuart, Kay Hartnett, Gary Samuels, Jackie Sawyer, Keith Johnson

Also present. Glenn Clark, Alan Maddox

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

Minutes. The minutes of the meeting of 12 March were approved as read.

Correspondence. No correspondence has been received.

Old Business.

Roadside cleanup. The date for annual roadside cleanup was set for 5 May. Jon Stuart will pick up supplies from the State. Town will provide a truck and will remove all collected trash. Gary Samuels will mail out notices, place a notice in *The Villager*, and put out highway signs around town. He will invite His Mansion and The Wilds to join us once again. This exercise will be held in conjunction with the Adopt a Highway cleanup performed by DLIA along Deering Center Rd, from Town Hall to Pleasant Pond Rd on the same date.

Conservation Camp. Funding was secured to support six campers to attend UNH Extension Barry 4-H Conservation Camp, summer 2018. DCC will support two and private donors have agreed to each support one camper. Positions were reserved for North Country Adventure (3 boys), 4-H On the Wild Side (2 girls), Jr Conservation Officer (1 boy). Three applications were received for Jr Conservation Officer and 1 was received for North Country Adventure. No girls applied for those positions. Winning essays were selected by vote of DCC members. Samuels did not participate in the voting. Sean Carter was approved for a North Country Adventure slot and Sawyer Jones was approved for the Jr Conservation Officer. It was decided to offer two available North Country Adventure slots to the two unsuccessful Conservation Officer applicants. [subsequent to the meeting, 4-H Camp administrator allowed an additional Jr Conservation Officer slot, which was awarded to Connor Gatlin. Colin Gatlin was given one North Country Adventure slot. The unfilled slots were returned to the Camp.

New Business.

Future projects. There was a discussion of possible projects for DCC in addition to easement monitoring, duck box maintenance and roadside cleanup. Can Deering residents be attracted to visit the many conserved properties in Deering? It will be impossible to develop trails on privately owned easements without owner permission, this includes lots owned by land trusts such as PLC and SPNHF. The Pinnacles Easement has a marked trail on it that was developed by DCC. This trail and possibly the overlook would benefit from maintenance. A decision was made to hold the May meeting of DCC at the Pinnacles Trail to ascertain need. Are there groups in Deering that are not being adequately served by DCC? Samuels suggested that the elderly, the

infirm and the disabled might appreciate having an opportunity to go to High Five. Such a project must be done in collaboration with SPNHF and should include Senior groups such as GHSS. The broad trail leading to High Five from Sky Farm Rd should provide access for those who are unable to walk. A tentative assisted hike was proposed for August or September.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

The next meeting will be held at the Pinnacles Trail Head on 14 May at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Gary J. Samuels

Secretary

APPROVED