

Deering Conservation Commission  
762 Deering Center Road  
Deering, NH 03244  
Minutes for June 12, 2023

**Attendance:** Gary Samuels, Stacey Hernandez, Mike Thomas, Tim Finn, Dennis Sawyer, Bob Welsh, Roy Watson (BOS)  
Matt Latkiewicz joined the meeting at 6:02

Others Present: Glenn Clark.

Greg Sereni joined the meeting at 6:02

**Call to order:** Meeting called to order, 6 pm.

**Minutes:** Minutes of May 8 amended to note that Dennis Sawyer was in attendance. Amended minutes approved.

**Correspondence:**

None.

**Old Business:**

*Lake Host Program*

**Motion** to expend \$7000 from the Exotic Weed Control Expendable Trust to fund 2023 lake host salaries. Motion by Gary Samuels, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Thomas. **Yes**, unanimous

*Natural Resource Inventory*

Discussion of Natural Resource Inventory. A final draft is nearing completion. The completed Deering NRI will be presented to the BOS on July 6. DCC members were reminded to forward comments to Gary Samuels as soon as possible. Discussion of timing of final payment to the Central NH Regional Planning Commission. Final payment will be made after completion of the NRI in July.

*Gregg Hill Nature Preserve update*

Mike Thomas provided an update on Gregg Hill Nature Preserve. Signage has been completed and installed. Thank you to Mike Thomas for spearheading the effort, and to Dennis Sawyer, Kay Harnett, Henry Bozek and Tim Finn for working on the project. Leon Nelson has completed the first mowing of a trail from the parking lot to the summit and back. Monthly mowing will continue through the summer. Discussion of installing benches at the site. Options: granite bench (most expensive), teak bench (\$369). **Motion** to order two teak benches with funds from the Deering Conservation Commission fund. Motion by Dennis Sawyer with 2<sup>nd</sup> Bob Welsh. **Yes**, Unanimous. Discussion of timing of cutting trees to improve the view from the top of the hill. Decision made to cut trees in the fall. Discussion of holding a dedication event sometime this summer.

**Motion** to reimburse Dennis Sawyer \$58.77 from TOWN CONSERVATION FUND for materials used in completing Gregg Hill Nature Preserve signage. Motion by Tim Finn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stacey Hernandez. **Yes**, unanimous.

### *Lake Water Testing*

Glenn Clark gave an update on Deering Lake water testing. The 2<sup>nd</sup> testing of the season will take place on June 20<sup>th</sup>. The results from May testing are not yet available. A pair of nesting loons with two chicks have been observed on Deering Lake. There is one chick in the eagle's nest.

### *Japanese knotweed mitigation update*

Gary Samuels provided an update on cutting knotweed along Rt. 149, Reservoir Road, Holton Crossing, and the beaver pond on Deering/Weare town line.

### **New Business:**

Discussion of lot line adjustment request involving Deering Lake property owners. The request has been approved by the Zoning Board and will be discussed at an upcoming Planning Commission meeting. The DCC has no objections to the change.

### *Election of officers:*

Members expressed appreciation for the hard work and leadership of Chair Gary Samuels and Vice-chair Mike Thomas over the past year. **Motion** to re-nominate Gary Samuels as Chair of the DCC and to re-nominate Mike Thomas as Vice Chair of DCC. Motion by Tim Finn with Stacey Hernandez 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Yes**, unanimous. Roy Watson abstained.

### *Membership:*

Greg Sereni, who has recently moved to Deering, joined tonight's meeting and expressed interest in possibly joining the DCC. Greg has experience in environmental and water resources protection. DCC members welcomed Gary to the meeting.

### **Other business:**

Stacey Hernandez recommended that the DCC pursue water resource protection funding and strategies. This work would build on the soon to be completed Natural Resource Inventory for Deering which identifies Deering's water resources. Discussion of threats to water quality and strategies to promote water protection followed.

### **Meeting adjourn:**

Meeting adjourned at 7:06.

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

Respectfully submitted: Tim Finn

APPROVED