

Deering Conservation Commission  
762 Deering Center Road  
Deering, NH 03244  
**Minutes for June 13, 2022**

**Attendance:** Stacie Hernandez, Gary Samuels, Dennis Sawyer, Jackie Sawyer, Bill Whisman, Tim Finn, Kay Hartnett (Alt), Matthew Lathiewicz (Alt)

Others Present: None

**Call to order:** Gary Samuels called the meeting to order, 6:05 pm

**Minutes:** Approval of meeting minutes for 5/9/2022. Dennis Sawyer moved to accept minutes as amended. Seconded by Stacie Hernandez. Approved.

**Correspondence:** None

**Old Business:**

Watershed overlay ordinance: Discussion of ideas on increasing awareness of/educating on strategies to maintain and improve water quality in the Deering Reservoir watershed and throughout the town. One idea is to use the Deering Safety Day event as a venue to provide information and resources.

Piscataquog Land Conservancy volunteer appreciation event. T. Finn updated the commission on plans by the PLC to hold a volunteer appreciation event at the Deering Community Church on July 30 or August 6. Participants will tour the chestnut orchard at the Tom Rush Forest and the pollinator garden at the ski tow lot (aka Gregg Hill Lot).

Members also discussed cutting a path to facilitate public access to pollinator gardens and to the top of the ski tow lot. A consensus emerged to lay out a path, look into paying for an initial mowing of the path and then maintain the path using volunteers. G. Samuels has been in contact with the TA regarding liability issues around volunteers using power equipment (weed whackers & mowers) to maintain a path for public use at the ski tow lot.

**\*NOTE:** TA has been informed by PRIMEX town insurance that volunteers may undertake the work so long as they do not use heavy equipment or chain saws.

**New Business:**

Stacie Hernandez stepped down as secretary and was replaced by Tim Finn by unanimous vote of commission members.

Initial conversation about Natural Resources Inventory: G. Samuels presented an introduction to the reasons for and the process of updating Deering's natural resources inventory. Commission members were encouraged to review various materials in preparation for this. Commission members expressed strong support for this important and valuable task. Samuels has contacted Central NH Regional Planning Commission with regard to CNHRPD preparing an inventory for Deering.

**Other business:**

None

**Meeting adjourn:** Gary Samuels motion to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dennis Sawyer. Meeting adjourned at 6:52.

The next meeting will be held on July 11 at 6:00 pm in Town Hall

Respectfully Submitted: T. Finn

APPROVED