

Deering Conservation Commission
762 Deering Center Road
Deering, NH 03244
Minutes for July 11, 2022

Attendance: Stacie Hernandez, Gary Samuels, Mike Thomas, Dennis Sawyer, Rebecca Mitchell, Tim Finn, Matthew Lathiewicz. (Alt), Kay Hartnett (Alt)

Others Present: TA Julius Peel, Michael Tardiff, Central NH Regional Planning Commission, Glenn Clark

Others Present via Zoom for CNHRPC presentation: Craig Tufts CNHRPC, Katherine Jenkins of Planning Board, John Shaw of Planning Board

Call to order: Gary Samuels called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

Minutes: June 13 Minutes approved

Correspondence: None

Old Business:

Natural Resources Inventory:

Mike Tardiff and Craig Tufts of CNHRPC discussed the process of completing a Natural Resources Inventory (NRI). Steps: (1) gathering data & identifying natural resources, (2) determining what's important to the town through surveys and community outreach, (3) scoring and prioritizing identified natural resources (4) mapping, (5) completing finished report. Mike Tardiff shared and discussed Boscawen's recently completed NRI.

https://www.townofboscawen.org/sites/g/files/vyhlf4166/f/uploads/adopted_natural_resources_inventory_nri_2020_pb_01-05-21.pdf

Follow up questions from Commission members addressed typical time frame to complete an NRI-(approx. 6 months), methods to gather town input (survey monkey, public meeting, mass mailing, town website, Facebook, combination of), and addressing climate adaptation & resiliency.

Discussion about creating a working group focused on completing the NRI.

Discussion of making use of Deering's recently completed hazard mitigation plan as well Deering's Master Plan.

Mike T. and Craig T. left the meeting at 6:32. End of zoom meeting.

Discussion of costs associated with completing an NRI. Costs: CNHRPC's proposal--\$6,000 for NRI, \$1,700 for climate resiliency model as part of the project. Funds to finance the project are available in the Conservation Commission funds.

Discussed the importance of reaching out to other town committees and boards. The Conservation Commission (CC) has the responsibility to complete an NRI and that reaching out to other town committees and boards will help ensure that information in the NRI will be utilized by the town.

Discussion about using climate resiliency mapping available without cost through the Nature Conservancy.

Motion made by Mike Thomas, Dennis Sawyer 2nd: The Deering Conservation Commission (DCC) accepts the proposal by CNHRPC to complete a Natural Resources Inventory for Deering at a cost of \$6000. Approved unanimously.

The commission then discussed having CNHRPC complete climate resiliency mapping as part of the project at a cost of \$1,700.

Motion made by Mike Thomas, Rebecca Mitchell 2nd: The DCC will utilize the CNHRPC at a cost of \$1,700 to complete climate resiliency mapping as part of completing Deering's NRI. Approved unanimously.

Gary Samuels will communicate with Bill Whisman to present and communicate the proposal to the Deering BOS.

Formation of subcommittee/working group for this project to be determined at next meeting. Membership is open to DCC members and members of other town committees.

Piscataquog Land Conservancy volunteer appreciation event (Tim Finn & Mike Thomas):

The Piscataquog Land Conservancy will be holding a volunteer appreciation event at the Deering Community Church on Saturday, July 30, from 1 to 5 pm. There will be short field trips to the pollinator garden at the Gregg Hill lot and the chestnut orchard at the Tom Rush Forest. Leon Nelson will be mowing a path to the pollinator garden and to the top of Gregg Hill lot on July 18. The DCC expresses appreciation to Leon Nelson for donating this mowing.

Update on pollinator garden and driveway installation at Gregg Hill (Mike Thomas):

The State of NH has approved installation of parking area at the bottom of the Gregg Hill lot. Members of DCC will present plan to BOS at July 21 meeting. Discussion of the need for

ongoing upkeep of Gregg Hill lot w/parking. Also, discussion of need to purchase seed for the next phase of the pollinator garden at a cost of \$200.

Motion made by Dennis Sawyer, Stacie Hernandez 2nd: The DCC moves to spend \$200 for seed to complete next phase of seeding the pollinator garden at Gregg Hill lot. Approved unanimously.

Update on conservation easement donation of Ferris Tract (Gary Samuels);

There is no progress with the Ferris Tract easement donation.

The TA presented the DCC with an invoice for \$1166 from the PLC for work done on the Longwoods/Ferris Tract easement.

Motion made by Mike Tomas, Dennis Sawyer 2nd: The Deering CC moves to spend \$1166 to pay PLC for work done in 2022 on Longwoods Road/Ferris Tract easement. Approved unanimously.

New Business:

Membership of DCC (Gary Samuels):

Jackie Sawyer has resigned as a member of DCC.

Potential easement donations (Gary Samuels):

Gary Samuels asked members to consider donating easements to the PLC. Easement off North Road, Gregg/Sleeper lots, Carew lot off rt. 149, lot near White Gate Road at Deering Reservoir. Potential costs discussed. No action taken.

Other Business:

Lake Host Program at Deering Reservoir Update (Stacie Hernandez):

There have been 637 inspections to date—a busy summer. 67% of these inspections are on nonmotorized craft—kayaks, paddleboards. Most are returning/repeat users at Deering Reservoir.

Meeting adjourn:

Motion to adjourn at 7:40, Gary Samuels, Dennis Sawyer 2nd, approved unanimously.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, August 8, at 6 pm at Deering Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted:

Tim Finn--Deering Conservation Commission

APPROVED