Deering Conservation Commission 762 Deering Center Road

Deering, NH 03244

Minutes for July 12, 2021 Meeting

Attendance: Stacie Hernandez, Mike Thomas, Dennis Sawyer, Jackie Sawyer, Gary Samuels, Lucas Turcotte, Kay Hartnett, Bill Whisman (BOS rep).

Others: Glenn Clark

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 6:02 by Gary Samuels

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting on June 14, 2021 were approved.

Correspondence: N/A

Old Business:

Conservation Deed Update

The deed on the 3 properties will be signed on the 5th of August by the select board.

Lake Host Update:

We have received 289 surveys so far. We may want to pursue some fundraising avenues in the future to bring awareness to the program in Town, especially along the homes along Deering Lake.

Japanese Knotweed Suppression:

Cut down the knotweed once and it is starting to come back up in some areas.

Pollinator Garden

First week of August we will receive the seed mix and then this fall we will plant.

<u>BioBlitz</u>

Upload information into iNaturalist for the Gregg Lot. UNH Cooperative Extension is trying to coordinate this state wide in September.

A plan was developed to hold a public Bioblitz at the Gregg Hill Lot on 29 August, noon – 3:00. The program will include an introduction to iNaturalist followed by a walk on the property, recording plant and animal life using iNaturalist. A BBQ with hotdogs and drinks will cap the event. Bill Whisman will bring kids from Project Genesis for the event. Samuels views this as an introduction to Deering Residents to the newly conserved Gregg Hill Lot. A discussion of difficulty in informing residents of town-wide activities followed.

29th of August is a Sunday and we can plan an iNaturalist training around 12-3:00.

Natural Resource Inventory

It will take some time and at least a couple people to compile the inventory ourselves. The NRI should be tied into the master plan. Bring to the board the idea of getting quotes from consultants.

New Business:

Easement Monitoring

We need to start walking easements. Three easements we are required to monitored annually for LCIP. We have two easements with new landowners who still need to be contacted

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

The next meeting will be held on August 9th in the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacie Hernandez

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