

Deering Conservation Commission
762 Deering Center Road
Deering, NH 03244

Minutes for 8 July 2019 Meeting

Attendance: Gary Samuels, Jackie Sawyer, Dennis Sawyer, Kay Hartnett, Mike Thomas

Also present: Glenn Clark

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

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of 10 June were accepted.

Correspondence: The Board of Selectmen forwarded a letter from FEMA stating that flood map updates were made by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), on several river reaches in Hillsborough County. The flood hazard mapping will continue under the RiskMAP program.

Old Business: Glenn Clark has been covering the Lake Host program for Jon Stuart while he is ill, and has also been volunteering many hours when coverage has been needed. A few incidents were discussed when there were parking issues, and also a complaint of a jet ski being too close to a boat. If needed, the Deering police can be called regarding parking disputes but the Marine Patrol needs to be called if there is an incident on the water. In either case, the Lake Host should not be involved. Coverage may be needed for a Friday at the end of the summer, and Committee members volunteered if they are needed.

Glenn Clark also reported that water testing was done by Glenn and 3 others. They picked up the equipment needed in Concord which is starting to look quite used. He said that labeling was the most tedious part. The Lake Association strongly feels that new equipment should be purchased for Deering use only. Testing is done monthly times 3, in June, July and August.

The Conservation Commission thanked Glenn for all his great work.

New Business: The Society for the Protection of NH Forests has planted 600 American Chestnut seedlings obtained from the American Chestnut Foundation, on the Tom Rush property. Conservation Commission members helped with the planting, and have been maintaining the trees by watering, weeding, and helping cut invasive species found on the property. 75% are thriving so far. A deer fence is being installed around the trees soon.

Gary noticed that the NH GRANIT list of conservation/public lands is missing 10 properties in Deering, and includes others in error. He will contact them to correct the list. (www.granit.unh.edu)

Several ways to conserve land were discussed including the PLC, NH Forest Society, and Town Easements. Gary will speak to the Board of Selectmen regarding donating 2 small Easements to the NH Forest society, and others to the PLC. Several Town easements still need to be walked this year by the Committee, and one Easement has quite a lot of trash that will require members to clean up with pickups.

Election of officers: Chair: Gary Samuels, vice chair: JonStuart, secretary: Jackie Sawyer.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 by chairman Samuels.

The next meeting will be held on 12 August in Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline Sawyer, secretary

Deering Conservation Commission