

***Deering Conservation Commission
762 Deering Center Road
Deering, New Hampshire 03244***

Minutes for 09 Sep 2019 Meeting

Attendance. Gary Samuels, Jon Stuart, Kay Hartnett, Mike Thomas, Rebecca Mitchell

Also present: Glenn Clark, Al Maddox, Steve Avery

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

Minutes. The minutes of the meeting of 12 Aug were accepted.

Correspondence. None was received.

Old Business.

Lake Water Testing. Glenn Clark reported that contrary to an earlier belief, the lake resident cannot get a special price on water testing equipment. He knows how to use and maintain whatever equipment we purchase. Samuels confirmed that Con Comm would request funds (approx. \$2K) to purchase water testing equipment in the 2020 budget request. A suggestion was made to post the results of water testing on the town web site. This suggestion was approved by members. Chairman Samuels will explore the issue.

Lake Hosts. It is uncertain whether the 2019 manager of Deering's program, Hannah Broas, will be able to continue. Jon Stuart will start a search for a replacement. Jon reported that there was one 'catch' of variable milfoil by a lake host this summer. The boat w

Monarch walk. Deering Conservation Commission joined with SPNHF in sponsoring a monarch butterfly/chestnut/invasive black swallow wort walk in the Tom Rush forest on Sunday, 8 September. Con comm member Mike Thomas took the lead. Approximately 50 people attended the walk on a fine Sunday afternoon. Several monarchs were tagged and released.

New Business.

A mobile unit to wash boats. A lake resident has advocated for the purchase or a mobile unit to wash all boats coming to Deering Lake. The state has one such unit for all lakes and it is used in the most seriously affected lakes when boats come out of the water. The price of such a unit is approx.. \$30K. Smaller, less expansive units are available. Presumably all will require an electrical connection, which is not currently available at the boat launch at Deering Lake. The committee decided not to take action on this proposal.

Membership of Conservation Commission. Jon Stuart resigned from the Conservation Commission due to health concerns. His resignation was accepted with deep regret. For several years John organized town roadside cleanup and, more recently, he interacted with DOT in the

conservation commission's adopted part of Deering Center Rd. John has served longer on Deering con comm longer than any current member. He will continue to manage Lake Hosts with the assistance of other con comm members.

Steve Avery indicated an interest in joining the conservation commission. With the resignation of John Stuart, one position becomes available. Con comm will ask BOS to appoint Steve to fill out John's term.

Adopted highway. October 6 was set for the next con comm cleanup of Deering Center Rd.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 by chairman Samuels.
The next meeting will be held on Oct 14 at 6:30 in Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted
Gary Samuels, acting secretary
Deering Conservation Commission