



TOWN OF DEERING

Board of Selectmen

762 Deering Center Road
Deering, NH 03244

Meeting Minutes

July 18, 2019

Selectmen present: Rebecca Mitchell, Bill Whisman – Absent Allen Belouin
The hearing was called to order at 1900.

MEETING MINUTES:

Meeting Minutes – June 5th

Ms. Whisman made the motion to accept the public and non-public minutes of July 5th and the non-public minutes of July 16th. Mr. Whisman seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

New Business

Myra Bickford – Well – salt contamination

The TA provided a synopsis of the issue for the Board explaining that Ms. Bickford first came to the office after getting a water test at Aubuchon Hardware from Capitol Well. That test lacked any certified laboratory results. Recently, the health officer took a water sample from the kitchen faucet in Ms. Bickford's home and sent the sample to a lab and the results were within the limits of safe drinking water. Ms. Bickford thought the levels elevated and believed that a culvert purportedly installed by the previous road agent somewhere in the 1980's that drained on her property allowed road salt to contaminate her well. The water sample report indicated that it did not exceed Primary EPA limits. The TA explained that it is difficult to establish that it is road salt alone that is to blame. The TA noted that there's a possibility that the septic system may be playing a role in the contamination. Ms. Bickford noted that there was a dry well on the property. The TA offered to have the health officer take another look at the issue when he returned from vacation.

Conservation Commission – Conserved Lands

Gary Samuels of the Conservation Commission spoke on the status of town owned parcels he believed would be better stewarded by either the Society for the Preservation of NH Forests and the Piscataquog Land Conservancy (see attached). Several of the properties had deeds that named the town as owner and did not have conservation easements with them. Many were landlocked, or located in wetlands. One was suitable for a future site for a central fire station. The Board agreed to review the packet provided by Mr. Samuel when all the membership is present.

Auditor's Representation Letter

The TA explained that the auditor's representation letter is a document signed by the Board indicating that all pertinent financial records were made available to the auditors. Ms. Mitchell signed on behalf of the Chair, Mr. Belouin, in his absence.

Impact Fire – Sprinkler Repair & Tank Inspection

The Board reviewed the revised quote from Impact Fire for sprinkler repair and tank inspection. Previous sprinkler repair and labor charges were \$6,638 and tank survey for \$636 representing a total

cost of \$7,274. The revised quote for the is \$5,850.50. Mr. Whisman made the motion to accept the revised quote. Ms. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

Fire Department – Proposed New Hires

The Board reviewed a hiring recommendation memo from Fire Chief Gorman for three applicants. Mr. Whisman asked several questions of Capt. Boyll about the applicants. Ms. Mitchell felt that waiting for input from Mr. Belouin, who was absent from the meeting, to be more prudent as a decision of the entire Board is important on hiring matters. Ms. Boyll expressed a desire to see one of the applicants hired to work the weekend. The TA noted that the necessary hiring/employment documents were not complete. The TA noted that he had seen Ms. Boyle bring a copy of a Fire Department water availability and pond location study to the office and asked if she would bring it to the office so it could be copied and distributed to the Board of Selectmen. Ms. Boyle agreed to bring it to the office on Monday.

TO BE REVIEWED AND/OR SIGNED:

- Employee Payroll	<u>July 10th</u> \$11,813.69
- Employee Payroll	<u>July 17th</u> \$14,234.51
- AP ACH XFER	<u>July 18th</u> \$55.50
- AP Manifest	<u>July 18th</u> \$309,434.83
- Town Hall Rental	
- DRA PA-28 Inventory Option	
- Tax Abatement 215-009-000	\$18,232.08
- PMT Agreement for taxes	242-003-000
- Tax Deeding list	

Non-Public Session – RSA 91-A:3 II (c)

Review of Tax Forgiveness Request

Ms. Mitchell made the motion to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (c) to complete the review of a request for tax forgiveness / payment agreement. Mr. Whisman seconded the motion. The vote to enter non-public session was unanimous and so moved. Roll call vote: Rebecca Mitchell, Aye; Bill Whisman, Aye.

The Board entered non-public session at 2014.
The Board re-entered public session at 2030.

The Board agreed to sign a payment agreement, but not provide tax forgiveness for 242-003-000. There being no further business to come before the Board Mr. Whisman made the motion to adjourn. Ms. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved. The meeting adjourned at 2030.

Respectfully Submitted,

\s\ Russell McAllister
Town Administrator

To: Board of Selectmen
From: Chief Daniel Gorman, Deering Fire & Rescue
Subject: Fire & Rescue Report, June 2019

Date: 07/09/2019

News:

On June 9th through 12th, Captain Pat Mudough, Captain James Wilcoxon and I went to Ocala Florida, to the E-One manufacturing plant, to tour the facility and to go over the specifications of our vehicle to ensure we are getting everything built the way we expect. The first day we had a tour of the plant. Our sales representative, showed us apparatus currently being built that would have the same cab style, Same chassis and similar box configurations (the back end of the fire truck). This facility was huge, and we were able to see the same engine we will have, the same transmission. We looked at different mirror configuration's, and emergency and scene lighting options we could have on our truck. We were able to see how they paint, powder coat and undercoat each vehicle. The next morning, we went back to the plant and went into an office to go over the specification of the truck. From placement of the scene lights to the color of the truck, to the configuration of where all of the pump panel handles, discharges and drains would be. This was a 10-hour day, but we believe we have a design that will work well for the Town of Deering for many years. If there was something in question, such to placement of lights, pump discharges, to where the emergency brake should go, they would send an engineer down from upstairs to let us know if that change could be done. The next morning, we flew out excited about this fire truck and how it will help us do our jobs better and serve the town more efficiently.

On June 17th, we had all of our fire hose and ground ladders tested by Fail Safe Fire Testing Inc. Using the Deering Airports taxi way, they are able to lay out the 8,525 feet of fire hose and test it all to NFPA 1962 specifications. Once tested, the Fail Safe crew took all of the hose that passed the test and put it back on the firetrucks the same way we had it packed. We did have 500 feet of hose fail the testing process.

Fail Safe also tested all ten (10) of our ground ladders. They all passed the inspection without any issues.

GRANTS

No new news to report.

Upcoming goals:

- 1) We are going to start the process of obtaining mobile data terminals (MDT) in our ambulance, command car, and Engine 1 and Engine 2
- 2) We are currently working on recruitment of new call and per diem employees.
- 3) We are reviewing our Standard Operating Guidelines and making any necessary changes as needed.

JUNE ACTIVITY REPORT:

Total Emergency Responses – 11

Per Diem Total Responses	2	On Call Total Responses	9
Per Diem EMS Responses	0	Call EMS Responses	6
Per Diem Fire Responses	2	Call Fire Responses	2
Per Diem MVA Responses	0	Call MVA Responses	1
Per Diem Transports	0	Call EMS Transports	4
Per Diem BLS Transports	0	BLS Transport	0
Per Diem ALS Transports	0	ALS Transport	4
Mutual Aid EMS Given	0	Mutual Aid EMS Given	0
Mutual Aid Fire Given	0	Mutual Aid Fire Given	0
Mutual Aid EMS Received	0	Mutual Aid EMS Received	1
Mutual Aid Fire Received	0	Mutual Aid Fire Received	0
Paramedic Intercept Received	0	Paramedic Intercepted Received	0
ALS Intercept given	0	Missed EMS Calls	1

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Gorman

Daniel Gorman, Fire Chief/EMD



TOWN OF DEERING

Highway Department

762 Deering Center Road

Deering, NH 03244

May's Highway Department Report

May has had some better weather days but still cold and wet. We replaced the twenty four inch culvert that failed on Bennington Depot Road just past Wilson's and cleaned up the ditches on this road. We still need to pave over the top. We cleaned out the edges and up at the top of the beach parking lot and put some new gravel on. This made about two more parking spaces up top. We changed the wording for all the parking signs for the new pass info. We graveled up by the boat ramp to the cable at the beach. We made new signs that went at the beginning of the ramp entrance, one at the kiosk and the other as you walk up to the picknick area. We made two new tables, put a new top on one and repaired the other two. We added a second handicap parking spot then installed new no parking signs up both sides of the road and tow away zone on them. This was all done per a walk through I had with Chief Pushee. We graded the Turnpike, Pleasant Pond Road, Mountain View Road and our pit road. We repaired some washed out spots on the shoulders of Clement Hill Road. We had some very strong wind events that we went around and cut up and hauled the brush away to our pit. We have put bids out for reclaiming Cross Road, paving, trucking, purchasing gravel and stone. We loamed, raked and seeded the area around the building on the Hotel Lot. Its getting green! Alfred has retired yet again but this time from his part time position. He had approached me three years ago this month about coming back part time for thirty hours a week. The town was lucky to have him back. I was hired to take over his position seven years ago when he retired from full time. I did not know Alfred, but as he showed me the "ropes" I quickly learned how special this man is. How special he is to the town, how lucky the town was to have him for all those years. He will be greatly missed.

Brian Houghton
Deering Road Agent

MONTHLY REPORT**June 2019****NEWS:**

1. Chief Pushee and AdmnAsst Whisman hosted a large Police Cadet Training Event on June 1, 2019, for Cadets from 8 different Posts throughout NH. With Cadets, Advisors, Assigned Officers from neighboring Agencies, and Civilian Volunteers, there were about 50 people participating.
2. Chief Pushee and Capt. Cavanaugh attended the Annual Community BBQ at the Church. 3 Member of the Cadet Post helped with Parking, Traffic Control, and Pedestrian Crossing Safety.
3. Cadets helped out with Traffic Control, Parking, and General Security at the High School Graduation Ceremony.
4. 3 Cadets Graduated from the 46th NH Police Cadet Academy this year. Katie B. graduated from the Leadership Academy, Jacob T., graduated from the Advanced Academy, and new Cadet Liam H. graduated from the Basic Academy.

TRAINING:

1. Most of the Department was present for Annual Firearms Qualifications at the Range. This is required qualifications, not to be confused with actual firearms training.
2. Chief Pushee attended a Training put on by the VA at the Chief's Trade Show, in regards to assistance programs for Vets in need.

GRANTS:

1. 2019 Highway Safety Patrol Grants – we have about 4-6 hours of DUI Patrol left, which by grant rules must be held until the DUI Enforcement Month in August.
2. Bulletproof Vest Partnership – Chief Pushee HAS submitted online Applications for the 2020 BVP program. Once approved, this will help fund purchases of new/replacement vests for Chief Pushee, Officer Bell, and proposed Recruit Officer, and reimbursement this will be paid to the town electronically.
3. 2020 Office of Highway Safety – Equipment Grant – Chief Pushee has submitted the application for matching funds to use for the purchase of a Portable Radar Display Sign with Statistics Package. We should hear about this grant sometime this summer, and if approved, will be able to expend moneys (purchase the unit) sometime after the 2020 Federal Budget is released (sometime after October 2019). This is a 50% match, up to \$2,200.00.
4. 2020 Office of Highway Safety – Mobilization Patrols – Chief Pushee has submitted an application for inclusion in the Statewide Office of Highway Safety – Traffic Safety Mobilization Patrols. This would include a few hours for UDrive/UText/UPay campaign, Click it or Ticket campaign, Drive Sober/Get Pulled Over campaign, Join the NH Click campaign, and monthly Operation Safe Commute campaigns. Approximately \$ 4,500.00 in total overtime patrol requests. If approved, these will be worked on specific campaign time periods from October 2019 through Sept 2020.
5. Chief Pushee and Admn Assist Whisman had prepared and submitted a Crimeline Local Project Grant.
6. Chief Pushee submitted a NH Statewide Radio Reprogramming Inclusion grant project through NH Homeland Security/Grants Management Unit.

JUVENILE ACTIVITY:

1. No new JV cases in June, although we still have several going through the court system from previous months.

ACTIVITY REPORT:

Calls For Service Logged: 280 (this does not include many vacant home checks which are now counted separately in the new system)

DPD Call Outs 9 (alarms, MV Assist, Pers Assist, Suspicious Acts)

NHSP Call Outs 0 (xxx)

MV Enforcement: 66 (47 MV warn, 19 Parking)

MV Accidents: 2 (1 vs Deer, 1 distracted driving)

ARRESTS Total: 6

Charges:	Aggravated Assault (JV suspect)	1
	Warrant (for SP)	1
	Dog- Vicious or Nuisance	1
	Protective Custody – Alcohol/Drug Use	1
	Dom Violence Assault	1
	Dom Violence – Criminal Mischief	1

NEW PENDING/ OPEN CASES: 9

Charges:	Sexual Assault/Incest	1	(under investigation)
	Tattooing of a Minor	1	(warrants issued for the tattooer, he is in Mass and reluctant to come to NH)
	Burglaries	7	(New one on 27June2018, also 1 in Fall 2017, 3 in May 2017, 1 Feb 2018, 1 Aug2018)

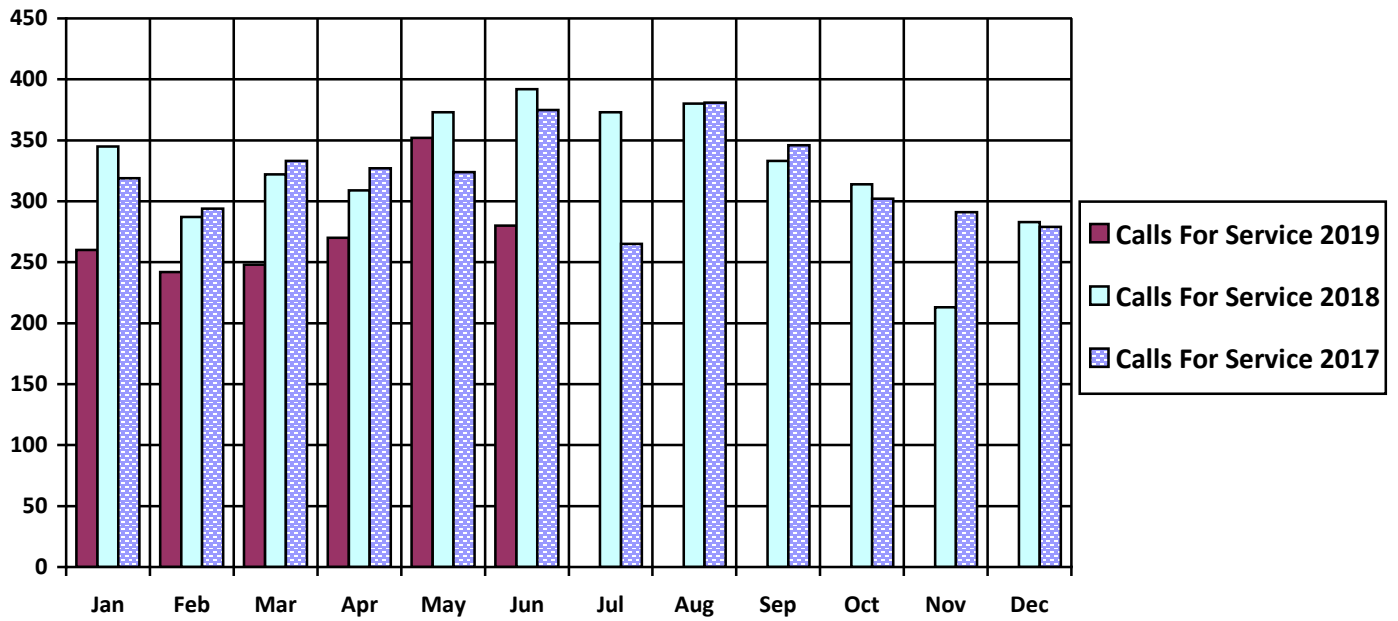
MILEAGE TOTAL:

2,402 est miles from 1June2019 through 30June019

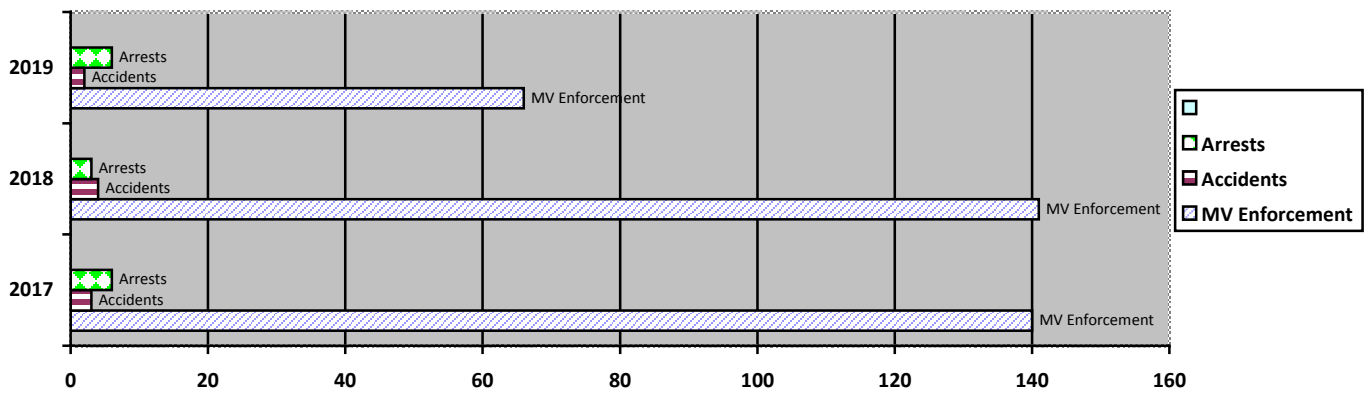
2014 Intrcpt Util: 90,556 (1,056 miles in period)

2017 Intrcpt Util: 27,446 (1,446 miles in period)

Call For Service Stats- Monthly



Monthly Stats- June



RADAR TRAFFIC SURVEYS**June 2019****OFFICER TRAFFIC SURVEYS**

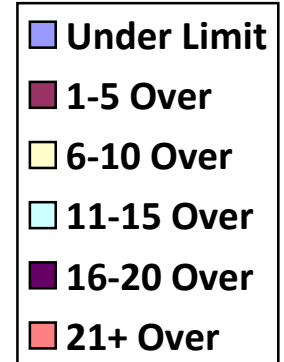
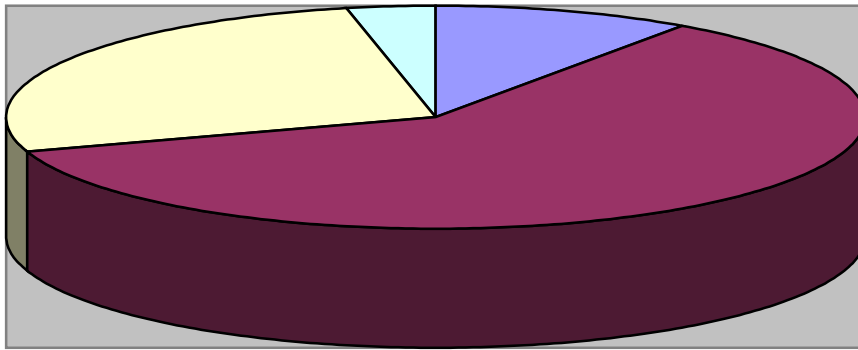
Totals	Rte 149 (1	2 nd NH Tpk(5	OldCounty (1	Clement (3	EstDrng (3
Total Cars	108	131	25	38	42
Under Limit	15	9	0	3	6
+1 – 5 over	75	75	11	21	33
+6 – 10 over	22	45	8	14	2
+11 – 15 over	6	2	4	0	1
+16 – 20 over	0	0	1	0	0
+ 21 over			1		
Stopped	0	1	4	0	1

Totals	Rsvr (LngWds(2	Mnslvl(1	Other(2	Cross(
Total Cars		34	7	39	
Under Limit		3	2	0	
+1 – 5 over		18	3	10	
+6 – 10 over		10	2	21	
+11 – 15 over		5	0	8	
+16 – 20 over		0	0	0	
+ 21 over					
Stopped		4	0	0	

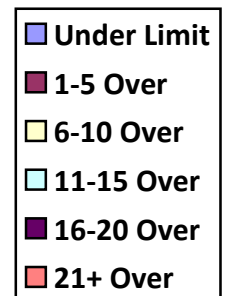
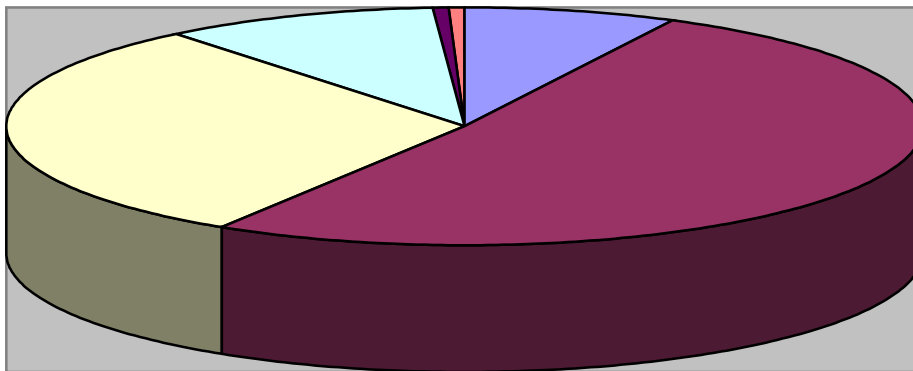
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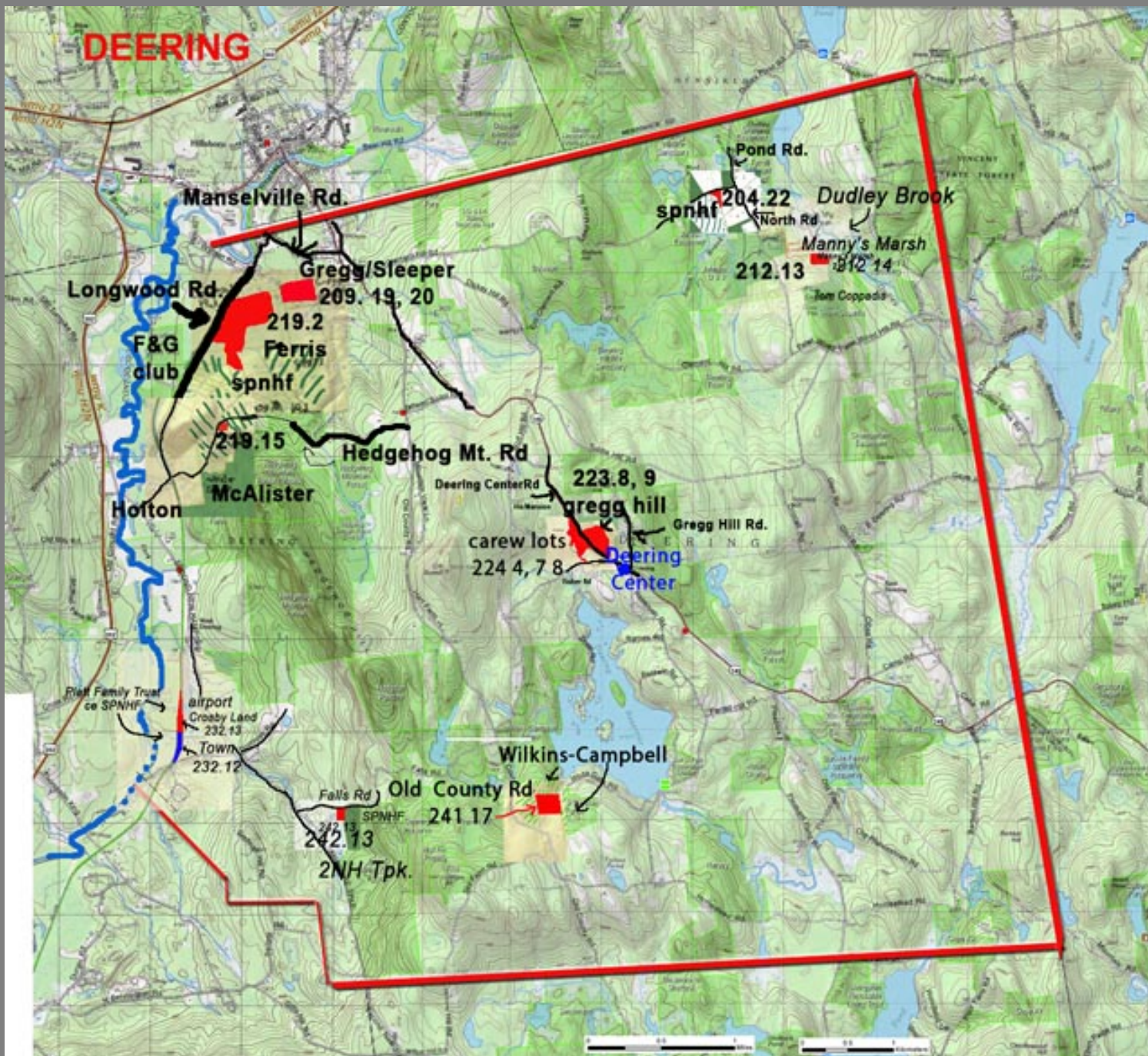
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Total Cars						
Under Limit						
+ 1 – 5 over						
+ 6 – 10 over						
+ 11 – 15 over						
+ 16 – 20 over						
+ 21 over						

Primary Roads / 6 Surveys



Secondary Roads / 12 Surveys





LOTS OWNED BY THE TOWN OF DEERING THAT COULD BE CONSERVED

The town of Deering owns 19 Forested lots that could be Considered for conservation.

Among them are 3 lots for which the process of conserving them is incomplete.

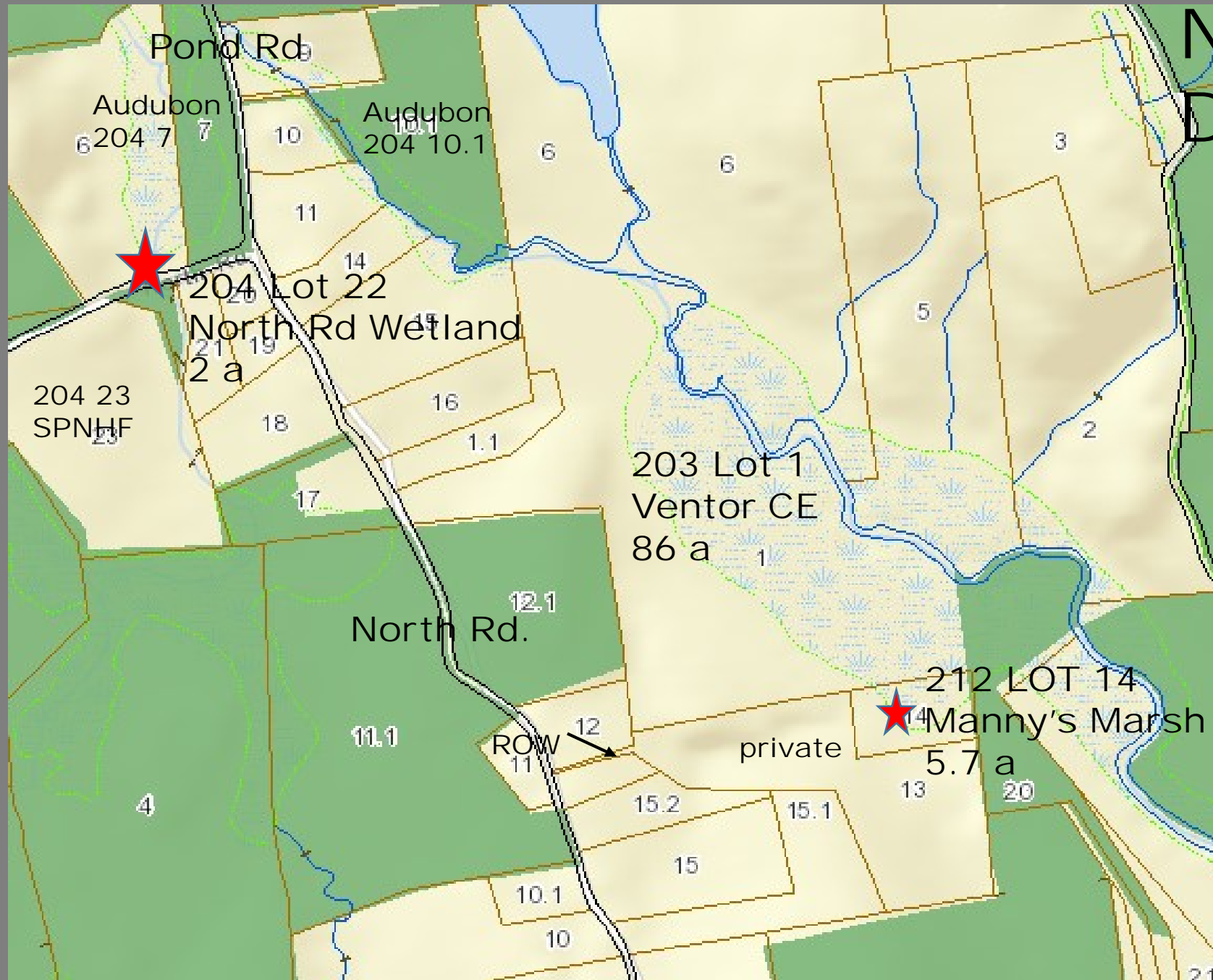
Following is a description of each Lot.

This is presented with the aim of Developing a plan for themis

NORTHEAST DEERING

Map 204 Lot 22
2 acres, not conserved
Donate to SPNHF

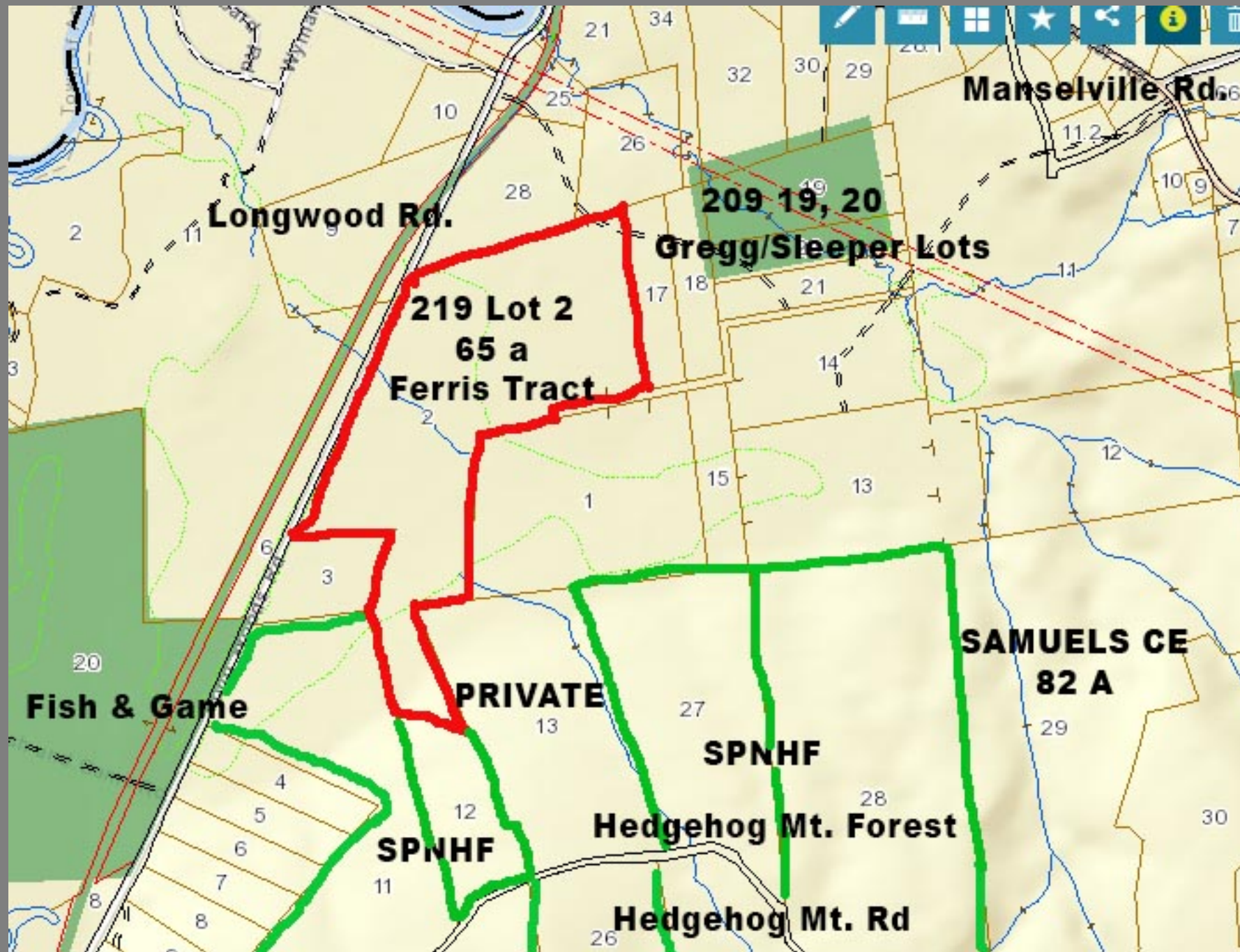
Map 212 Lot 14
5.7 acres
Improperly conserved
Surrounded by privately
Owned CE's



MANNY'S MARSH



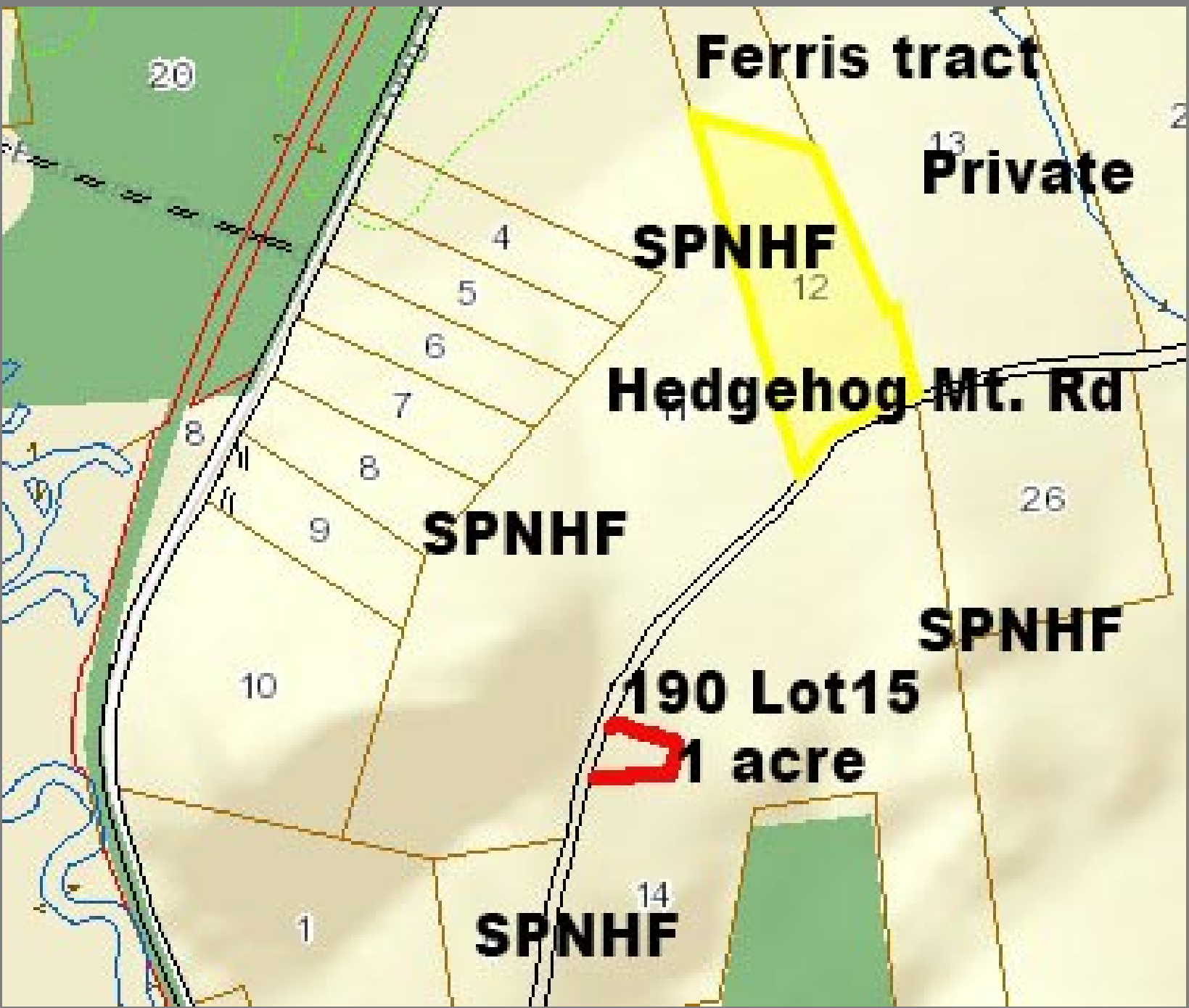
NORTHEAST DEERING



Map 209 Lot 19
12.5 a Sleeper
Gift to town. No
deed restriction.

Map 209 Lot 20
6.5 a Gregg Lot
Conservation restriction
To SPNHF.

Map 219 Lot 2
Ferris Tract
65 a wetland
Gift to DCC by Edward
Ferris. Conservation
restriction. Contiguous
With SPNHF and
Hedgehog Mt Forest

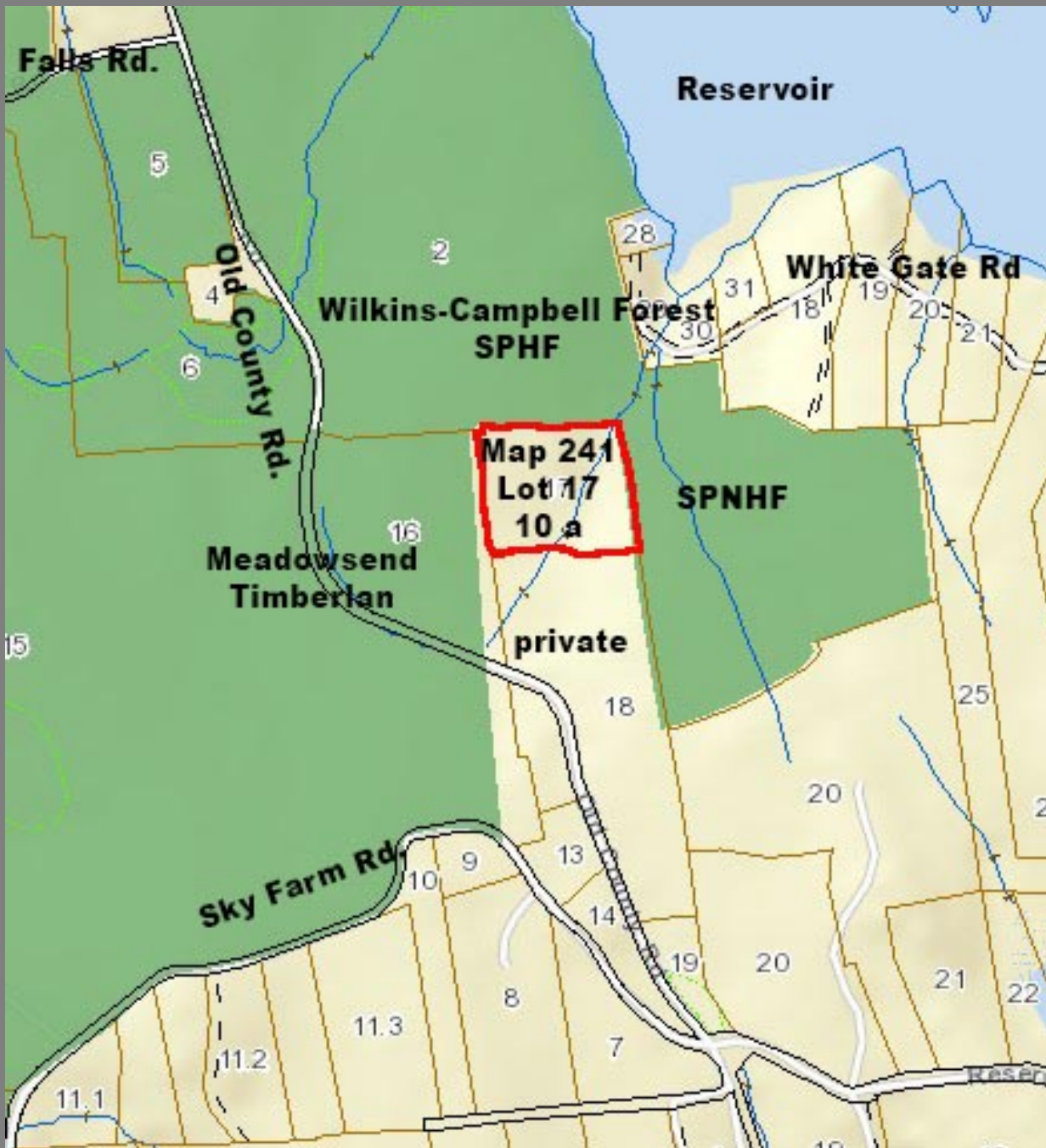


HEDGEHOG MT. RD.

Tax Map 190, Lot 15
1 acre
Lot completely surrounded by SPNHF.
SPNHF asked about acquiring
the land. Remains of a camp with
shingles are present on the site.



TAX MAP 190 Lot 15 1 acre
Remains of a camp



Map 241 Lot 17 Old County Rd 10 a

SPNHF determined this lot to comprise 10 a, Following deed research In 2009 SPNHF proposed Buying the land. The value then was \$1000/a. The sale did not take place. The land was logged in about 2011.

I think SPNHF would like to have this parcel, because it is surrounded By land that is either owned by them or land On which they hold the CE.



Tax Map 242
Lot 13
2 acre

No deed restriction
A buildable lot that
Abuts SPNHF



Falls Rd, parcel on the right



Brook at outflow of the pond



Brook forming the west boundary



Privately owned pond at
end of forest road



WEST DEERING CROSBY LANDS

TAX MAP 232 LOTS 12, 13

Deed for Lot 13 has a conservation restriction.
Lot 12 has no restriction

There is a wetland at the point where the two
Parcels join.

The parcels are wooded and are bounded on the
right by a snowmobile trail

SPNHF holds the CE on the Platt Family land.

Platt Farm



Contoocook at Platt Farm



Wetland at
Crosby



Remains of bridge
At Crosby



DEERING CENTER



'Library' Lot
Map 223 Lots 8, 9
Approx. 14 acre

Carew Lots
Map. 222, Lots 4, 6, 7
Approx. 23 acre

Possible spot or fire/ems

MAP 222 LOTS 4, 6, 7

No deed restrictions on Lots 6 or 7

Conservation restriction on 'lot' 4

Lot 4 is also known as 'old road' and is a class VI road.
Can it be conserved?

A stream runs through 6 and 7. The top of Lot 7 is flat, a
Potential place for a fire station . The ravine deepens through
Lot 6 to Fisher Rd.

There is a 'for sale' sign on Lot 6. Why?



Old Road



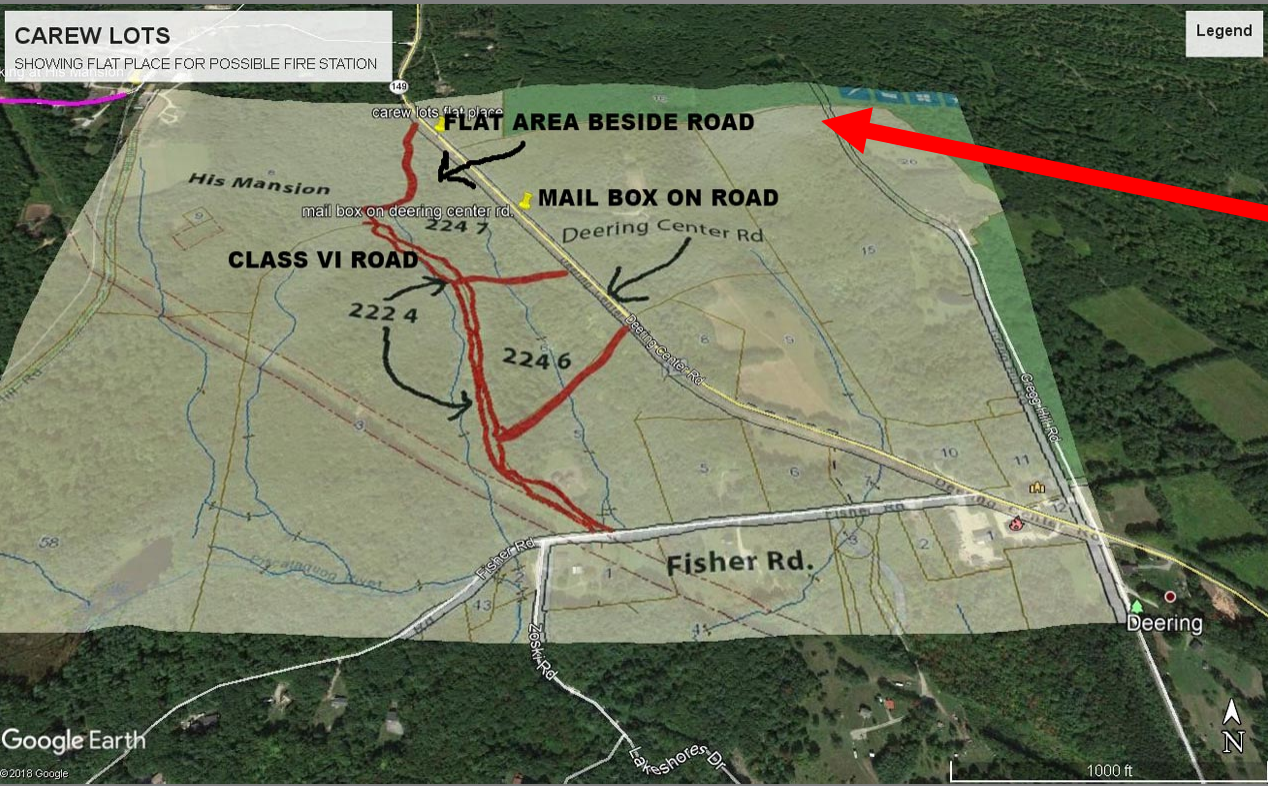
Top of Lot 7



Stream in Lot 6



For sale. Lot 6



CAREW LOTS ALONG
DEERING CENTER RD
POSSIBLE SITE FOR FIRE STATION

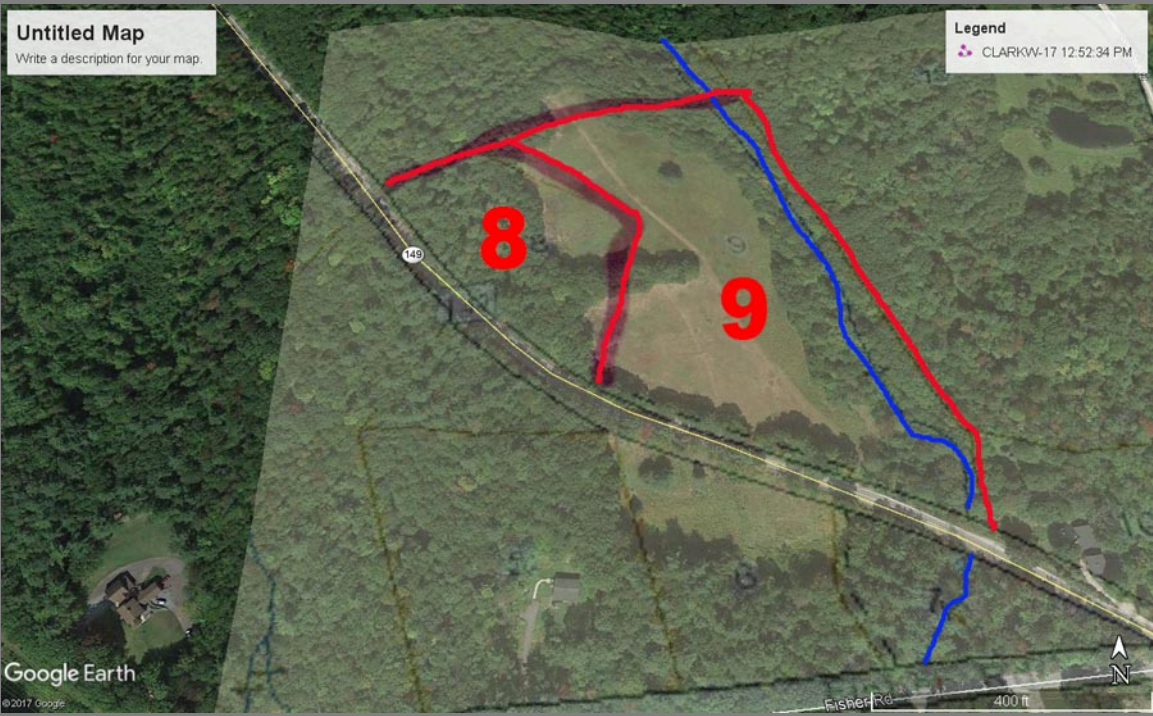


FLAT AREA FROM DEERING CENTER RD
AT TOP OF CAREW LOTS

'LIBRARY LOT'



DEERING CENTER AND RESERVOIR
FROM TOP OF LIBRARY LOT



INCOMPLETE CONSERVATION EASEMENTS

Manny's Marsh map 212 lot 14 5.7 a
Crosby Land map 232 lot 13 4 a
Carew Access Rd map 222 lot 4 2.3 a

These properties are owned by the town and the conservation easement
On each was given to the Conservation Commission.

This violates the common law doctrine of 'Merger'

If a government agency holds a conservation easement on a property
(such as an easement acquired through a purchase of development rights
program) and later acquires the fee interest, the conservation easement will
be merged out of existence. The common law precludes having a contract
with oneself, for the simple reason that it is not legally enforceable.

The likely solution is for the town to donate the conservation easement
to a land trust such as SPNHF

RECOMMENDATIONS

LOTS > 2 ACRE DONATE LAND TO SPNHF

Contiguous with SPNHF land

North Rd Wetland Map 204, lot 22

Falls Rd Lot Map 242, lot 13

Hedgehog Mt. Rd. Map 190, lot 15

DONATE EASEMENT TO SPNHF (?)

Ferris Tract Map 219 lot 2 65 a

'Library Lot' Map 223, lots 8, 9 about 14 a

Manny's Marsh Map 212 lot 14 5.7 a

Gregg/Sleeper Map 209 lots 19, 20 about 25

Carew Lot Map 222, lot 6 10 a

CROSBY LANDS Map 232, lots 12 and 13

?

Old County Rd Lot Map 241 lot 17 10 a

SPNHF wanted to buy this lot

POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENT

Carew Lot Map 222, lot 7, 12.7 a
on Deering Center Rd., possible site
For fire station

Library Lot Map 223, lot 9 11 a
Possible site for solar array in addition
to library/community center
adjacent to LaChance conserved land
and Tom Rush Forest

Please Sign SD

Gary Samuels

Eric Claufer

~~W.D.~~

Mrs. Bickford

Whisman