

Deering Conservation Commission
762 Deering Center Road
Deering, NH 03244

minutes for October 10, 2022

Attendance: Stacie Hernandez, Gary Samuel, Mike Thomas, Dennis Sawyer, Bill Whisman, Tim Finn, Kay Hartnett

Others Present: Glenn Clark, Jackie Sawyer

Call to order: Samuels called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

Minutes: Sept. 19 minutes approved.

Correspondence:

Letter from PLC reviewing recent easement monitoring of Gregg Hill lots. Discussion of comments on old debris on the property.

Permit By Notification received.

Communication received about Barry conservation camp.

Old Business:

Natural Resources Inventory: Progress update

Discussion of the survey that is part of the NRI. There seems to be some confusion around the importance ranking questions that are part of the survey. Discussion of availability of the survey on various social media. Discussion of various ideas to publicize the inventory.

Lake Host Program: Wrap up & next year

Lake Host Local Coordinator Stacie Hernandez presented a review of the just completed 2022 Lake Host program at the Deering Reservoir. A very busy summer. 1519 total inspections this summer. Staff worked 454 hours, over 150 hours of volunteer time from volunteers which more than satisfies the 100% NH Lakes match requirement. Hours added this year on Fridays and Thursdays. Stacie Hernandez has agreed to return next summer as Program Coordinator.

Gregg Hill lot update

Mike Thomas provided an update on the Gregg Hill lot. Parking lot at the base of Gregg Hill has been installed. Some folks have started to visit the walking trail and enjoy the view at top of Gregg Hill. Dennis Sawyer has built a kiosk to install near the parking lot. Plans are in the

works for installing the kiosk. Discussion of informational signage to be added to the kiosk. Discussion of plans for mowing the field going forward.

Motion: Accept Leon Nelson's quote of \$1,000 to mow the Gregg Hill lot next summer. The work includes periodic mowing of the trail to the summit and the annual fall mowing. Motion by Gary Samuels, 2nd by Kay Hartnett. Approved unanimously.

Discussion of the pollinator gardens and the need to reseed the gardens. Also discussion of planting donated wild flower seeds in the gardens. The plan is to prepare two additional plots next year using donated wild flower seeds.

Safety Day report

Bill Whisman reported on Deering's recent Safety Day. There were positive comments received on all town displays and presentations. Positive comments on the DCC display and on the range of activities engaged in by the DCC. Several people completed the Natural Resource Inventory. Attendance was up this year. Good music. Apple cider press. Looking forward to doing this again next year. Thank you to Gary Samuels for putting out signs advertising the event. The DCC's insect and amphibian display was especially popular. An idea for next year is for the DCC to include an activity involving constructing bird boxes.

New Business:

Proposed 2023 budget,

Discussion of proposed 2023 operating budget for the Deering Conservation Commission. Increases expected in Lake Host budget and Roads & Trails line item. Gregg Hill mowing and upkeep to be included in the Roads & Trails line item. Members of the DCC to meet with Budget Advisory Committee on Nov. 15.

Membership of DCC

Discussion of two current openings on the DCC.

Roadside cleanup, need to schedule

Discussion of the need to complete a 2nd roadside cleanup. Members of DCC will complete roadside cleanup of assigned section of Rt. 149 on Saturday, October 29.

Other business:

Update on easement monitoring. Members of DCC recently completed easement monitoring of two properties.

Meeting adjourn:

Motion by Gary Samuels to adjourn at 7:05, 2nd by Kay Harnett. Meeting adjourned.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 14 and the Deering Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted:

Tim Finn Deering Conservation Commission

APPROVED