

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

Minutes for 08 Oct 2018 Meeting

Attendance. Jon Stuart, Gary Samuels, Jackie Sawyer, Dennis Sawyer, Mike Thomas

Call to order. The meeting was called to order at 6:40 by Gary Samuels

Correspondence. Notice of acceptance by DES of a shoreland permit for 71 Lost Lane, tax map 234 lot 26 was received. No details of proposed activity were received. A thank you note for support to attend the summer's Conservation Camp was received from Sean Carter.

Old Business.

Adopt a highway program. The third cleanup-of Deering Con Comm's portion of Deering Center Rd (Hillsborough town line to Wolf Hill Rd) was completed on 5, 6 October.

New Business.

Budget. The Conservation commission budget for 2019 will remain largely unchanged from 2018 with major exceptions for the Lake Hosts Program, which Con Comm now manages. At minimum, \$1600 must be budgeted for part time wages of Lake Hosts Program manager. Additional funds will be required to pay lake hosts. Jon Stuart will report back before the budget is due. The budget discussion included a discussion of the 4-H Conservation Camp program. Samuels explained that Deering Conservation Commission supports attendance at conservation camp by children in neighboring towns. He noted that it is to everybody's advantage if children receive training in the conservation principles taught at the UNH Barry 4-H Conservation Camp, and that we have received very few applications from Deering residents. How the program is promoted was discussed with emphasis given to reaching applicants through the Hillsborough/Deering school. The budget discussion also included the annual roadside cleanup. Samuels proposed not sending out post cards, which has been the practice, in the belief that they are ineffective in gaining resident participation in the one-day program. A suggestion was made to advertise the day on the H/D electronic bill board since Deering does support the school. Other thoughts included reaching out to the school directly and to girl/boy scouts.

As a part of the budget discussion, water testing was discussed. And For several years lake water testing has been carried out by volunteer Bob Compton and paid for by Conservation Commission. However commission members do not know the mechanism by which the testing is done and billed, how often testing is done and exactly what is tested in the lake. Samuels undertook to contact Mr Compton in an effort to understand the process and to determine whether he plans to continue the testing.

Trails and easements. Samuels described a plan to place a kiosk at the Pinnacles Trail of the Margaret Wood Memorial. This kiosk will be built by commission members and will include a historical description of the Margaret Wood Memorial and of the mountains visible from the view. Tom Coppadis, a descendent of Margaret Wood, agreed to write a historical narrative. In addition conservation commission will re blaze the trail and possibly reroute it away from the newly constructed house that abuts one boundary of the Memorial.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm (proposed Dennis Sawyer, seconded Jon Stuart.

Respectfully submitted

Gary Samuels

Chair and Secretary

APPROVED