

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

**Minutes for 12 Nov 2018 Meeting**

**Attendance.** Jon Stuart, Gary Samuels, Jackie Sawyer, Dennis Sawyer, Mike Thomas, Kay Hartnett  
Also present: Glenn Clark, Al Maddox, Tim Finn

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

**Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting of 8 Oct were accepted.

**Correspondence.** No correspondence was received.

**Old Business.**

Budget: Jon Stuart, the manager of the Deering Lake Hosts program presented the 2019 budget for membership of NH Lakes and the Lake Hosts Program. These costs are as follow:

**CONSERVATION COMMITTEE BUDGET**

NH Lakes Membership	\$ 300.00
Town funded point person	\$1500.00
Total	\$1800.00

**EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND (FOR LAKE HOSTS SALARY AND SUPPLIES)**

(NH Lakes handles the payroll and submits invoices to Deering, which reimburses NH Lakes)

Total salaries	\$4800.00
Grant received from NH Lakes	-\$1600.00
<b>Total amount for 2019 budgeting</b>	<b>\$3200.00</b>

Easement monitoring. Monitoring for 2018 is behind schedule. A plan to complete the task for 2018 was discussed.

Duck boxes. Dennis Sawyer reported that he will move one of the boxes from Tree Frog Pond (Audubon Sanctuary) to a wetland across the road. He will also replace a box lost from the Reservoir marsh. This will be done when ice has set.

**New Business.**

Report from NH Lakes. A final summary for the Deering Conservation Commission 2018 Lake Host Program was received. Lake Hosts made a total of 758 inspections. 287 boats were cleaned, 289 were drained and 325 were dried. Three samples were submitted for identification, all from departing boats. The identifications revealed native plants, and of no concern.

Lake water testing. The water of Deering lake is tested 3-4 times annually for bacterial contamination. The testing has been done in recent years by volunteer Bob Compton. Samuels has been unable to ascertain whether Mr Compton will continue with the testing in the 2019 season. Glen Clark, DLIA representative to Conservation Commission, undertook to communicate this concern with the chair of DLIA, Bob Monahan (subsequently Mr Monahan confirmed that Mr Compton will continue testing lake for 2019 with assistance from DLIA members).

Chestnut planting in Tom Rush Forest. Dennis Sawyer reported that the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, owners of Deering's Tom Rush Forest, will plant 600 hybrid chestnut seeds in one of the meadows. Volunteers will be required to aid in this effort, which will be undertaken in May 2019. Members of DCC expressed interest in volunteering.

The meeting was adjourned by chairperson Samuels at 7:17.

Respectfully submitted  
Gary Samuels, chair and secretary  
Deering Conservation Commission