

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

**Minutes for 14 Nov 2017 Meeting**

**Attendance:** Bob Welsh, Jon Stuart, Kay Hartnett, Gary Samuels, Dennis Sawyer, Jackie Sawyer

**Also present:** Ethan Belair (Field Specialist, UNH cooperative extension)

**Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:30 by Chairman Bob Welsh

Correspondence: An annual dues notice in the sum of \$300 was received from NH Association of Conservation Commissions. Membership in the association was approved.

**Old Business:**

Lake Hosts Program. Jon Stuart announced that he has accepted to assume the role of coordinator for this program.

Duck Boxes. Aaron Gill has indicated that he will no longer be involved with the Deering duck box program. The members of DCC have agreed to continue the program. Dennis Sawyer will maintain the boxes but does not wish to be responsible for recording. Kay Hartnett will take the role of recording observations of the duck box use.

Easement monitoring. This year DCC is far behind in monitoring.

**New Business:**

Ethan Belair, a newly arrived resident on Pond Rd. in Deering, is a licensed forester and Field Specialist with UNH Cooperative Extension. He reported that his agency is attempting to ascertain how towns use their town-owned forested lots. While Deering town owns several small (< 5 acre) forested lots, there is not plan to exploit them. Samuels reported his attempts to transfer ownership to the Society for the Protection of NH Forests of the lots that abut lots that abut Society parcels. Mr Belair also emphasized that as a community forester, he was available to discuss land use with the town and with private individuals who own land.

Bob Welsh adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm

The next meeting will take place Monday, 11 December at 6:30 in Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted

Gary Samuels, Secretary