

**Deering Conservation Commission**  
**762 Deering Center Road**  
**Deering, NH 03244**

**Minutes for 2020 Meeting**

**Attendance:** Gary Samuels, Jackie Sawyer, Dennis Sawyer, Kay Hartnett, Mike Thomas, Rebecca Mitchell, Stacie Hernandez

Also present: Glenn Clark

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

**Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting of October 12, 2020 were accepted.

**Correspondence: None**

**Old Business:**

Approval of meeting Minutes for October 12<sup>th</sup> Gary first Kay seconded

Tim Finn has resigned

Search for a new member and a volunteer to lead lake host program

Pollinator garden update – Mike Thomas

BOS approved con comm plans for developing Gregg Hill lot with pollinator gardens, a trail and benches.

BOS approved bid of approximately \$1,300.00 for brush hogging Greg Hill lot from Leon Nelson Lawncare. The field was brush hogged during the weekend. Prior to brush hogging, the areas to preserve were flagged

BOS approved DCC request to use town sand to weight down tarps placed over developing pollinator gardens. With a notice of at least 4 or 5 weeks, town highway dept will dump sand at the base of Gregg Hill

Highway department estimates a cost of \$30,000.00 to develop parking at the base of Gregg Hill, this includes expense for drainage. Funds for parking will be requested as a warrant article in 2022.

Mowing schedule for pollinator path – Once a month path to the top mowed for easy access to top, 300 to 400 yards length for mowing of the path – add to the annual Conservation Commission budget.

Blanket order about 3k and then order to purchase items for the spring. Most of the work will be for the Spring.

Hedgehog Mountain Rd lot donation to SPNHF. Society will join Conservation Commission in cleaning the lot. An assessment will be made in spring 2021.

Deering's Big Trees. A third state champion tree has been found in Deering. A state co-champion American Elm has been located on Dickey Hill Road. State champions, or co-champions, in Deering include: American Elm, White Ash, Sugar Maple. County champions are Basswood and white oak.

Barry 4-H Conservation Camp for summer 2021 – Gary Samuels

The UNH Extension Barry4-H Camp is planned for summer of 2021. Conservation Commission members decided to limit support to Deering residents. Applications must be received by 14 January. A notice will be placed in the Stoneridge Post.

All town held conservation easements have been monitored.

### **New Business:**

Deering Conservation Commission has receives Spirit of NH Award for our Chestnut Tree work. We were nominated by SPNHF.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 by chairman Samuels.

The next meeting will be held on December 14 in Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacie Hernandez

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