

Deering Conservation Commission
762 Deering Center Road
Deering, NH 03244

Minutes for February 13, 2023

Attendance: Gary Samuels, Mike Thomas, Dennis Sawyer, Tim Finn, Kay Hartnett

Others Present: Bob Welsh

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

Minutes: Minutes of Dec. 12, 2022 approved.

Correspondence:

NH Municipal Association Conservation Commission Handbook received.

DES request for more information with regard to Land Resources Management File 2022-02402, Tax Map 229, Lot 21. Construction on Campbell Lane and Deering Lake.

Old Business:

New Business:

Approve expenditure from Town Conservation Fund.

Motion by Gary Samuels to expend \$2500.00 from Town Conservation Fund to pay Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission (CNHRPC) for work completed on Natural Resources Inventory. 2nd by Mike Thomas. Yes-unanimous.

Membership.

There are currently two full time openings and one alternate opening. Bob Welsh, a former member and chair of the Deering Conservation Commission has expressed interest in rejoining the commission. Discussion w/DCC. Motion by Tim Finn to recommend appointment of Bob Welsh to BOS as a member of the DCC. 2nd by Dennis Sawyer. Yes-unanimous.

Discussion of reaching out to Deering residents who have expressed interest in volunteering to help the DCC. Gary Samuels will email interested people.

Election Day Display.

Discussion of hosting an information table at the upcoming town elections—March 14.
Discussion of presenting information from the in-process Deering Natural Resource Inventory.
DCC will host a table to be located in the foyer of the town hall.

Other business:

Notice of visit to Deering by Seasonal Steward of the NH Conservation Land Stewardship Program, Jocelyn Duffy. Visit to two Land Conservation Investment Program (LCIP) conservation properties in Deering. DCC members will be participate in this visit.

Mike Thomas provided an update on the ongoing planning for informational signage to be installed at the base of the Gregg Hill lot. Kay Hartnett has reached out to various vendors regarding costs and services.

Dennis Sawyer presented an update on the Wood Duck nest-box program. The recent cold weather has enabled members of DCC to conduct annual inspections of Wood Duck nest-boxes located throughout Deering. The DCC is on track to complete inspections within the next week.

Discussion of easement monitoring. The DCC will review the list of properties needing annual monitoring. This item will be included under Old Business in future DCC monthly meetings to ensure completion of this DCC responsibility.

Conservation education opportunities. Saving Special Places Convention, April 15, Saturday. 2023 Cottrell-Baldwin Environmental Lecture Series. See NH Forest Society's events page for schedule and registration.

Meeting adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 7:04.

The next meeting will be held on March 13, 2023 at the Deering Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted: Tim Finn, Deering Conservation Commission