

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

**Minutes for 9 March 2020 Meeting**

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

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

**Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting of 13 January were accepted.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Old Business:** Lake Hosts. The grant application was submitted by Tim with help from Jon Stuart. It is based on 601 inspections done last year, and 5 hours per week of volunteer hours. The total cost of the program is estimated to be \$6000, minus the \$1500 grant. There will be new hours of attendance at the boat launch this year: 7a.m. to 5p.m. Memorial Day through July 2<sup>nd</sup>, then 6a.m. to 5p.m. July 3<sup>rd</sup> through September 7<sup>th</sup>. The early start is important due to the early time people fish. Samuels proposed starting the program earlier than Memorial Day with volunteer boat inspectors. This will depend upon when training occurs.

Steve Avery has expressed interest in helping.

Conservation Camp. Deering Conservation Commission will facilitate attendance by 7 local children at the UNH Barry 4-H Conservation Camp, Summer 2020. DCC budget allows for the support of 2 while 5 Deering Residents have agreed to support the other 5. Six boys and one girl, all from Deering/Hillsborough, have been selected for support by DCC members.

Wood Duck Boxes. Dennis Sawyer reported that all 43 boxes were checked, cleaned, and repairs done. 13 were used, which was a 30.23% usage. He noticed there is more usage when boxes are surrounded by water, so 1 was moved from the water's edge on Johnson's Pond. He plans to move boxes from the shoreline of Black Fox Pond, which have not been used, to poles placed in the water.

**New Business:** Voting day display. Kay made 2 posters-1 showing Big Trees in Deering. 2 Trees are state champs, and 1 is a County champ. A duck box will be on display along with an egg (hollowed out by Mike) and some feathers. Pictures and other info will be available including some Cons. Comm. Brochures.

Town Meeting. This will be the Saturday after voting. Gary will be presenting warrant articles regarding the conserved properties that need to be finalized. Town Meeting

approval is needed to spend money from the Cons. Comm. Fund. Handouts will be available that include maps and info. about the properties.

Roadside cleanup. This will be the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in May.

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

The next meeting will be held on 21 April in Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline Sawyer, secretary

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Addendum: Roadside cleanup may be delayed until May 16<sup>th</sup>.

There are no meetings being held at Town Hall until further notice, due to Covid-19.