

Deering Conservation Commission
762 Deering Center Road
Deering, NH 03244
Minutes for August 8, 2022

Attendance: Stacie Hernandez, Gary Samuels, Mike Thomas, Dennis Sawyer, Rebecca Mitchell, Tim Finn, Bill Whisman (BOS rep)

Others Present: Taylor Henna of Meridian Land Services, Laura Weit-Marcum of Piscataquog Land Conservancy, Glenn Clark

Call to order: Gary Samuels called the meeting to order at 5:59 pm

Minutes: July minutes approved.

Discussion of updating Deering Conservation Commission (DCC) paper records stored at the Town Hall.

Correspondence: None

Old Business:

Natural Resources Inventory:

Discussion of Memoriam of Understanding with CNHRPC. Discussion of forming the working group to conduct the Natural Resources Inventory. Gary Samuels will present NRI at BOS meeting. Discussion of membership of the working group. Gary Samuels, Mike Thomas, Bill Whisman, Diane Deluca and Tim Finn volunteered to begin formation of working group. Outreach to recruit other members to continue.

Piscataquog Land Conservancy volunteer appreciation event update:

The volunteer appreciation event held on July 30 was a success as participants toured the pollinator gardens at the Gregg Hill lot and the chestnut orchard at the Tom Rush Forest. Special thanks to Leon Nelson and Dennis Sawyer who helped with mowing before the event.

Mike Thomas provided an update on plans to put in a small parking lot at the bottom of Gregg Hill lot. Discussion of need for DCC upkeep of the parking lot going forward and of the need to include associated costs within the annual DCC budget.

Gary Samuels made a motion to spend \$4,800 (payment to Travis Putnam) to build a gravel parking lot at the bottom of Gregg Hill lot. 2nd Dennis Sawyer. Funds to be expended from Deering Conservation Commission Fund. Approved unanimously.

Lots to consider for conservation:

Discussion of conservation priorities for the following lots: Gregg/Sleeper lots--tax maps 209.19 & 209.20, North Road wetland—tax map 204.22, Carew lot—tax map 222.7, Manny’s Marsh—tax map 212.14, and Old County Road lot -- tax map 241.17. Stacie Hernandez has volunteered to assess conservation value of the Old County Road lot. Discussion of conservation language in the deeds for Gregg/Sleeper lots and North Road wetland. No action taken.

New Business:

Shoreland Permit:

Taylor Hennas, Meridian Land Services presented an overview of proposed work on Lot 229-19, 102 Campbell Lane in Deering. She ought Conservation Commission input prior to her meeting with Deering Planning Board. The proposed work includes the construction of an addition on the existing dwelling as well as replacing the existing deck in-kind. Storm water runoff mitigation described. No vegetation to be removed. Erosion control measures to be in place. The project has met all NHDES requirements for construction in shoreland protection zone. The Commission thanked Taylor Henna for her informative presentation.

Laura Weit-Marcum, Land protection specialist for the Piscataquog Land Conservancy. Laura Weit-Marcum of PLC introduced herself to the Deering CC. Laura replaced recently retired Tom Jones. DCC welcomed Laura Marcum to her new position.

Membership of DCC:

There are currently openings for one member and one alternate on the DCC.

Other business:

Bill Whisman thanked Stacie Hernandez, Glenn Clark and the lake hosts for their hard work in staffing the boat launch and conducting boat inspections during a busy summer at the lake.

The DCC is behind schedule in monitoring easements. Commission members are reminded of the need to monitor conservation easements.

Adjourn:

Mike Thomas made motion to adjourn, Dennis Sawyer 2nd. Adjourned at 7:15

The next meeting will be held on September 12 at 6:00 pm in the Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted:

Tim Finn—Deering Conservation Commission