

**Deering Conservation Commission**

**762 Deering Center Road**

**Deering, NH 03244**

**Minutes for 14 September 2020 Meeting**

**Attendance:** Gary Samuels, Mike Thomas, Tim Finn, Dennis Sawyer, Jackie Sawyer, 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 10 August were modified regarding the purchase by the town of the Gregg Hill lots thanks to a donation.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Old Business:**

Lake Hosts. 1065 inspections were carried out through 9/14. Special thanks to Lake Hosts Ryan Gillette, Zach Camp, Forest Simon, Riley Momenee as well as volunteer hosts Glenn Clark, Mike Thomas, Gary Samuels and Tim Finn for their hard work this season. Jon Stuart's aid in getting the program running was critical. Inspections have ended for the season except for possible remaining fishing tournaments.

Pollinator Garden. The DCC is pursuing the creation of a pollinator garden on the "library lot" across from the town hall. Mike Thomas and Stacey Hernandez are spearheading this effort. Members of DCC were joined by pollinator management specialists from the Xerces Society and the Natural Resource Conservation Service on September 4<sup>th</sup> to walk the lot and discuss the project. A plan for developing pollinator gardens was formulated. A fall mowing of the lot is planned. Members will coordinate w/Deering Selectboard. The DCC is looking into grant funding for the project. The DCC will reach out to and coordinate with Deering Public Works Dept. and Selectboard.

Motion: The Deering Conservation Commission will proceed with the proposal for the creation of a pollinator garden on the library lot. Motion by Mike T., 2<sup>nd</sup> Gary S. Motion passed, unanimous.

Roadside cleanup. The fall roadside cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, October 3. Members of the DCC will start at 8 am while volunteers from the Deering Lake Improvement Association, led by Glenn Clark, will start at 9 am.

Easement donation report. Town meeting approved Con Comm of donating a conservation easement on the Library Lot (Gregg Hill Lot) and one of the Carew Lots. Piscataquog Land Conservancy will accept the donation pending their own evaluation. Samuels has been informed that the Gregg Hill Lots were purchased with funds (\$208 K) donated by the Tyrell foundation. In accepting the donation, a public meeting of the Select Board was held on 20 July 2005. In accepting the donation, the town agreed to conserve the land and to allow 2 acres for

construction of a library. There has been no progress on the part of the PLC as regards the easement apart from a visit from the PLC Land Protection committee early in the summer.

Trash removal from Hedgehog Mt Rd 1Ac lot. Conservation commission requested assistance from the town highway department in removing trash from this lot. The request will be made through Select Board.

Easement Monitoring. Samuels will send out easements still needing monitoring, with a view to setting up a schedule. He noted that DCC should walk the entire Donovan easement and invite Nancy Donovan to the next meeting to explain forestry that has been going on in the easement this year.

#### **New Business:**

New conservation commission member. Deering Select Board approved the appointment of Stacie Hernandez to Deering Conservation Commission.

Possible conservation easement. A former Deering resident has approached the Conservation Commission with a wish to donate a 10 acre forested lot on Reservoir Road to the town. Samuels and Hernandez noted that the lot has little to no conservation value. Commission members voted to accept an invitation to visit the lot. Samuels will communicate with the potential donor.

DCC records. Samuels reported on a file drawer filled with past Conservation Commission materials. Commission members should go through this file and save whatever is important.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 by chairman Samuels.

The next meeting will be held on 12 October in Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Samuels

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