

Deering Conservation Commission
762 Deering Center Road
Deering, NH 03244
Minutes for Sept 19, 2022

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

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

Minutes: Minutes of the meeting of 08 Aug were approved.

Correspondence: Notice was received from NH DES of a complaint of possible violations at Tax map #229, Lot #21. Specifically no permit has been received for construction and clearing land within the 250 shoreline buffer of Deering Reservoir.

Old Business:

Natural Resources Inventory:

A revised Letter of Understanding with CNHRPC has been received. All the questions posed with regard to the original MOU were answered and Chairman Samuels was authorized by unanimous vote to sign the document and to present it to Town Administrator for vetting and forwarding to CNHRPC.

The NRI working group of the Conservation Commission will meet with Gregg Tufts, CNHRPC, to begin the process of identifying and prioritizing Deering's natural resources. The objective of the first meeting will also be to develop a questionnaire about natural resources that will be available to the Public at Town Safety Day, 1 Oct.

Membership update:

Rebeca Mitchell has resigned from membership of the Conservation Commission due to her move to another area. Ben Clark has expressed interest in becoming a full member but was unable to attend this month's meeting, when his membership will be considered.

Pollinator garden update:

Travis Putnam has commenced work on developing access to the Gregg Hill Lot

New Business:

Safety Day Display:

A table will be available to Conservation Commission for a display on Safety Day. The display will include NRI questionnaire, Conservation Commission pamphlet and trail map, various insects and animal pelts and skulls, and a wood duck nesting box display. A signup sheet will be available for Residents who wish to join Conservation Commission members in their various activities around town. The display will be organized by Mike and Bill.

Easement Monitoring:

Samuels noted that Conservation Commission is required to undertake annual monitoring of LCIP properties (Lindquist, Leghorn) and the Burke easement. Members undertook to begin the year's monitoring.

Lake Host:

Stacie was thanked for her service as local manager of Deering's Lake Host Program. She indicated her intent to continue in the role for the 2023 season, but with assistance.

Annual Budget:

The 2023 budget will be prepared at the October meeting.

Noted with pride:

Conservation Commission member Tim Finn was honored by the Piscataquog Land Conservancy with one of two VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR award at the PLC Annual Meeting on 18 September. Over the past year, Tim has been very active in many aspects of PLC stewardship of the lands protected by the organization.

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:26

The next meeting will be held on October 10 at 6:00 pm in the Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted:

Gary Samuels