

DEERFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
1967 – FIFTY-SIX YEARS AND COUNTING – 2023
Regular Meeting Minutes – May 8, 2023

Attendees: Josh Freed, Serita Frey, Chloe Gross, Erroll Rhodes
Members Absent: Haley Andreozzi,
Visitors & Guests: Tim Gross

Chair Serita Frey convened the meeting at 7:15 pm

Great Brook Trail – Tim Gross Eagle Scout Project:

Tim Gross presented suggestions for his Eagle Scout project to the members. Tim has selected the Great Brook Corridor for his project, based on research of the 2011 Trail Inventory. The plan is to preliminarily inspect the trail to take inventory of work that is needed, which could include clearing of brush and blowdown, re-blazing of trails, possible bridge renovation, and sign replacement.

It was suggested that Tim reach out to Al Jaeger, whose land is one of the several privately-owned parcels that comprise the Great Brook Corridor. Al's efforts to encourage his neighbors to permanently conserve their land, ultimately resulted in *connecting* the abutting parcels which now form the corridor. DCC members are welcome to participate in the evaluation. Below is a link to the history of the corridor from the Town webpage. https://www.townofdeerfieldnh.com/sites/g/files/vyhlif4316/f/uploads/great_brookcampelia_article.pdf

Other Town Forests previously targeted in 2021 for improvement projects are Lindsay-Flanders (trail maintenance, blazing and bridge construction over Nichols Brook), and Dowst-Cate (sign replacement, which may have been completed, and trail re-blazing). A trail extension from Peg King Park to the Gazebo was suggested in the past as well.

Eversource CUP Applications

Andrew Ackerman, GZA - CUP Application G146 Transmission Line Structure Replacement Project

DCC provided a letter to the Planning Board outlining its baseline comments and recommendations based on the application and information obtained from Andrew Ackerman of GZA, during DCC's April meeting. It was reported that the Planning Board responded favorably to DCC's comments. The clerk reached out to Mr. Ackerman on May 2nd to obtain a copy of the 4/19 Fish and Game recommendations; however, there has been no response to date.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion:

Serita Frey moved to approve the minutes of the April regular meeting.

Josh Freed seconded the motion

Vote:

The motion was approved with Mr. Freed abstaining.

Finance Report – STATEMENT balances in the conservation fund

April Ending Balance	\$370,943.06	(Includes March Interest \$591.05)
Q4 2022 LUCT	\$0	(Confirmed)
Q1 2023 LUCT	\$19,500	(YTD = \$19,500)

Based on the passage of Warrant Article #21, DCC will be receiving 100% of the LUCT beginning April 1, 2023 for Q2 2023. Members were reminded that the warrant article passed with the lowest margin of any of the articles on the ballot. DCC should reach out to the residents to demonstrate that conservation funds are being well spent.

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Membership:

Wes Golomb has resigned his membership in the DCC after many years of service, and has the distinction of having the longest number of years in office. Mr. Golomb has agreed to serve as an alternate and to continue to provide his unique, artistic and communication talents, including the creation of videos, for the DCC.

There are **openings for two regular members to fill two 3-year positions** (previously held by Brian Adams and Wes Golomb), and **1 open position for an Alternate Member** (previously held by JoAnne Bradbury). DCC should continue to seek additional candidates. An announcement in the *Door Yard Gazette* was suggested.

Public Outreach:

A volunteer is needed to post information on the DCC Facebook page. The clerk reported that the new membership information on the DCC page on the Town website will be updated, and that all but one of the links have been revised.

Regulated Wetlands & Shorelands

DCS Paving Project

DCC received copies of the plans for the proposed Deerfield Community School Parking Improvement Plan for review (DCC and Planning Board consultation were a condition of warrant article approval for the funding). It was noted that the site needs drainage and silt control, and catch basins that can be pumped out. The School Board has requested representation from the Planning Board and DCC at its May 17th meeting at 6 pm at DCS. Member Haley Andreozzi will be asked to represent DCC at the meeting, if she is available. Another suggestion was for DCC to reach out to Spencer Tate to attend on DCC's behalf on a volunteer basis.

NHACC Wetlands Training Program – Free to NHACC Members (DCC is a member)

Two upcoming in-person workshops: **Friday, May 19**, 1:00 - 4 pm, Locke Rd, Concord and **Friday, June 2**, 1:00 - 4 pm, Conservation Center, 54 Portsmouth Street, Concord and on-line ZOOM training videos of previous sessions. You Tube Link to ZOOM sessions: <https://www.youtube.com/@nhaccthenhassoc.ofconserva3199>

Cross Subdivision – 18 Lots – Mt Delight Rd.

Serita Frey will reach out to Bryan Adams regarding the status of the Cross project. It was mentioned that the applicant may be decreasing the proposed number of lots from eighteen to eight, and that the open space land being offered for the project is undesirable/unsuitable for that purpose.

Serta Frey Adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 7 PM on Monday, June 12, 2023

(Please check the website townofdeerfieldnh.com for scheduling changes) These minutes were prepared and submitted by Judy Marshall. Revisions, if any, will be contained in the minutes of the next meeting and posted to the Town website, after approval by the Deerfield Conservation Commission