

Sugar Hill Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes -- Thursday, October 20, 2011

Present: Kathi Galligan, Margo Connors, Janel Lawton, Peter Carboneau, Luther Kinney, Eric Jostrom, Tim Williams

1. No September meeting was held; adjourned for lack of quorum.
2. 50th Anniversary Project – Discussed new information from SH Landscapes. Janel reviewed meeting with Chance from Sugar Hill Landscapes. Budget for project will be appropriated when quotes are received. Yearly maintenance of gardens was discussed. SH Building maintenance will take care of gardens. Discussed sowing seed in different areas around Sugar Hill. Discussed the possibility of placing Sugar Maple Trees from local donations placed around the Crappo Memorial building. Iron Sign maintenance: Margo to bring up at the next Selectmen Meeting.
3. Northern Pass Project update – There is a SH advisory group that reports to the Selectman. Margo met with the Governor who was receptively listened but is not ready to take a stand against the project in its current position. Margo is trying to organize a group of selectman from towns who have opposed the Northern Pass to collectively work together. On November 8th there will be another information meeting at Sugar Hill.
4. Discuss adding acreage to protected lands – Tim mentioned protecting the drainage of Streeter Pond which would require discussion with Mr. Champlain. Protecting the lands that surround the marsh area would be beneficial and it would need to be defined what is important to protect. Tim will contact Rufus to see about available maps.
5. Updating Conservation Plan and mapping –Margo will start writing a draft of a conservation plan. Conservation maps are not needed. Franconia Trail Map: ok to add Cushing Bride Trail.

Fire department has mapped every water source in the town. Discussed having a water resource map. Eric to craft a note that could go out with tax bill asking land owners to identify surface water resources on their property.
6. PSNH rep offered to talk to Commission about the work that will happen at the Streeter Pond substation. Minimum Impact Dredge & Fill Application Public Service Company of NH Transmission Line Structure Replacement. Wetlands application to replace 3 poles.
7. Luther Kinney will be resigning at the end of the year. Another person will need to be appointed. Eric will contact Ned. Kathi will contact Justin Kline. Janel to contact Tim Burger.
8. Road Clean-Up: Peter and Margo to get together for a road clean-up.
9. Margo and Tim walked Pearl Lake Rd and Lovers Lane with PSNH about cutting that will need to happen for line maintenance.
10. Mail box items: Permission to cut applications
11. Next Meeting: Thursday, November 17th