

Sugar Hill Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes: Thursday, April 21, 2011

Attending: Peter Carbonneau, Margo Connors, Kathie Galligan, Janel Lawton, Luther Kinney, Eric Jostrom

Absent: Tim Williams

Announcements:

- Ailsa Gagel has stepped down from the SHCC due to schedule conflicts with work and family.
- Janel Lawton will commence duties as Secretary

Discussions:

Sugar Hill 50th Anniversary: Conversation about ideas for a major project that the SHCC could sponsor in honor of SH's 50th anniversary. Following suggestions were made:

- Reestablishing the Phil Robertson Town Forest Trail with signage and trail maintenance.
- Replacing and planting some of the maple and oak trees along Rt 117. Possibly place lilacs along wall adjacent to parking area at Crappo Memorial. Possibly get local kids and school involved (funding from school programs?).

Peepers: Concern has been mentioned about the lack of presence of peepers in several local ponds. It was agreed on that it is too early to be concerned as they are just starting to peep.

Cushing Bridge Signs: Luther to post new signage at bridge and trail.

Finances: Luther submitted and reviewed 2010 balance.

Hydro-Quebec/Northern Pass project: Discussed the purpose of an informational letter that will be mailed to SH residents. Margo to draft a copy.

Application for Conservation Funds: Tim (in absentia) submitted a cover sheet, proposal and instructions form. A move was made to approve the

Application for Funds and add to it the Selection Criteria and Checklists for Conservation Funds Distribution ver. 1 April 20, 2005 (which is to be reviewed and updated). Move was seconded and all voted in favor.

Town Forester: Should a town forester be considered to confirm accurate reporting of timber cuts? Margo to check with SH Selectmen.

Mailbox: Kathie reviewed contents and distributed to appropriate people of interest.

Next Meeting: May 19, 2011

Respectfully submitted,
Janel Lawton