

Amended minutes of May 18, 2017

Minutes of the Sugar Hill Conservation Commission

Date May 18 2017

Start Time 5:30

Robertson Town Forest and Coffin Pond

Adjournment time 7:00

Attending Members

Margo Connors

Cathy Strasser

Bob Mancini

Tim Williams

5:30

Walked the Robertson Town Forest trail.

Bob Mancini made GPS file of trail to be part of trail map in future. Many thanks to Bob for bringing his equipment and expertise to help with this project.

Trail held up well during winter. Surface is less rough than in the fall. Does not appear to need any major work. There are a few areas which are wet and could use stones to provide dry walking in wet weather.

Decided (unanimous) to adopt minor revision to Ben Hudson's trail and follow old yellow blazes along stream to pond. We removed old red flagging of Hudson trail that diverged from stream area.

Decided (unanimous) that original idea of a wide trail maintained by mowing was unnecessary and we should keep a more traditional trail with clearing briars and brush by hand or brush cutter.

6:45 Coffin Pond

Inspected area to south of parking area for bridge as part of trail from parking to the future trail around the pond and present trail along the Gale River.

Bob Mancini said beaver should not be a problem along the new inlet to the pond and would not interfere with a bridge.

Bob also stated that the pond is in fact open to motorboats and that our small sign to the contrary could become a problem in approval of the lease of the property from NH Fish and Game to the town. He suggested we simply remove the "no motors" portion of the sign. Approved unanimously.

Bob also noted that any bridge over the inlet stream should be based on solid footings and should have handrails with a second rail at child height to meet Fish and Game safety standards.

We also decided to review the town property line before locating the bridge.

The following were approved by email as an amendment to these minutes by Tim Williams, Cathy Strasser and Margo Connors:

Accepted minutes of April 20th 2017 meeting.

Next Meeting of SHCC June 15th 2017 at 6:00 PM

Submitted by Tim Williams