

Minutes of the Sugar Hill Conservation Commission June 20, 2024

The meeting started at 5:00PM.

In attendance: Chris Ellms, Charlie Wolcott, Judy and Larry Sawyer.

JUDY made a motion to accept the May minutes and CHARLIE seconded the motion, all agreed.

After a discussion about the Steele property and the fact that they have not responded to our letter, it was decided to contact Peter Conti at NHDES and update him to the situation. LARRY will get the needed information, write the letter and have Jennifer Gaudette print it on town Letterhead.

We had discussion about the Sabados situation. The Sabados have taken an aggressive stance via a 24 page rebuttal to all of the charges. This is between NHDES and them.

Another wetland issue has arisen on property along the Jesseman Road. When Peter Conti from NHDES makes his inspection we hope to be allowed to observe strictly as a training opportunity for Commission members. Details as soon as they are available.

We discussed the turtles at Bickford Hill Road and at Coffin Pond. We have found 1 nest site at Coffin has been raided by a predator but all the rest look good. The steel posts and rope will be removed once the eggs hatch. They will be stored and used again next year. LARRY will turn the bill of \$68.68 for the posts and rope into Jennifer Gaudette for reimbursement.

CHRIS informed us that he is meeting with Eversource Friday June 21st at the Town Forest. He will be explaining the importance of doing minimal disturbance to our land and covering the gravel road with topsoil. CHRIS said that so far Eversource is doing a good job dealing with the individual landowners.

CHARLIE mentioned again the importance of area watersheds and accessing the Tri-townstorymap online to learn about watersheds and the threats to our watersheds. Once the announcement is made on the town email and the link is installed on the town website we will publicize the site.

JUDY made a motion to adjourn and CHARLIE seconded the motion. All approved. The meeting adjourned at 5:45.

The next meeting is July 18, 2024