

Sugar Hill Planning Board

September 4, 2024

Members: Arthur Chase, Secretary Amy Venezia, Jim Keefe, Mike Valentine, Patty Robertson, Chairman Rob Hayward

Absent: Margo Connors, Steve Monsein, and Kyle Kinsey

Guests: Larry Sawyer, Judy Sawyer, Charles Wolcott, Tara Bamford (Zoom), Jennifer Childs-Roshak

Chairman Rob Hayward called the meeting to order at 5:30PM on Wednesday, September 4, 2024. On a motion made by Arthur Chase, seconded by Jim Keefe the minutes of the August meeting were moved to be approved. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Master Plan Review

The Board reviewed the Natural Resource section of the Master Plan with the Conservation Commission. The Conservation Commission previously met with Tara to review this section and make some changes. Four members of the committee were present tonight for discussion with the board on these changes.

Introduction- reviewed with no questions or comments

Groundwater- reviewed and noted the following changes under recommendations:

- Changed bullet 2 to read; Review and amend the zoning ordinance to incorporate water quality impacts in special exception criteria and best management practices for the use or storage of hazardous materials in the list of conditions that the Zoning Board of Adjustment can apply when granting a special exception
- Removed bullet number 5
- Removed bullet number 6

Tara will put together an action plan with a list of all the recommendations for review.

Surface Water Resource

Changes to recommendations include:

- Utilize the relationship with Plymouth State University to help create educational aids for educating landowners. Possibly create a relationship between interested students at Profile and PSU.
- Removed bullet number 7
- Removed bullet number 10

Forest Lands

- Removed bullet number 3

Discussion on the Town having a forester. This has been researched in the past and felt to be too expensive.

Agricultural Lands

- Removed bullet numbers 3,5,6

Wildlife Habitat

- Some of this section was reworked and reworded
- Added the NH Stream Crossing Initiative
- Removed bullet number 3
- Added new bullet – utilize the NH Stream Crossing Initiative and available funding to prioritize culvert replacements

Scenic Resources

- Added places to priority view list
- No changes to recommendations
- Discussion on utilities trimming and cutting along roads
- Suggestion to think about the impact of tree clearing for utilities

Dark Night Skies

- 79% of survey respondents were in favor of preserving dark night skies
- Discussion on enforcement if lighting requirements were added to the Zoning Ordinance
- Site Plan Regulations on lighting is exactly what the Conservation Commission was looking for
- Board is ok with considering possible changes

Quiet

No changes, no discussion

Recreation

The narrative in this section was changed. No new recommendations for this section.

Survey results

The survey results were reviewed. This information will be posted on the town website for viewing. A complete packet of all the write in responses will be available by request and not on the website.

Old Business/New Business

Board members signed the Site Plan and Subdivision Regulations Plans that were approved at the August meeting.

Next meeting we will review land use and divide up the facilities among board members.

With no more business, on a motion made by Arthur Chase, seconded by Jim Keefe the meeting was adjourned at 6:45PM.

Submitted by:

Amy Venezia

Planning Board Secretary