

Minutes of the Sugar Hill Conservation Commission November 21, 2024

The meeting started at 5:00PM.

In attendance: Chris Ellms, Claire Von Karls, Jennifer Childs-Roshak, Charlie Wolcott, Judy and Larry Sawyer.

Guest: Hayley Droppert

JUDY made a motion to accept the minutes of the October meeting and JENNIFER seconded the motion. All approved.

Discussed the bill from Tara Bamford for work on the Master Plan. The Commission had agreed to help with the cost. We will give this to Jennifer Gaudette.

JENNIFER CHILDS-ROSHAK reported on her meeting with Margo Connors about the Town Energy Policy. The SHCC will now be responsible for implementing a Town Energy Plan and monitoring the results. JENNIFER reviewed the 2012 policy and has drafted an updated version that hopefully will be included in the Master Plan. Members will read through her piece and send JENNIFER their comments. Once we all have agreed on the wording we will send it to Tara Bamford and the Planning Board. In the meantime, LARRY will send what we have to Tara.

The Commission will request \$1000 for next year's budget.

CHARLIE reported that the Berm Trail at Coffin Pond has been rerouted to bypass the steep hazardous section and will now support a single track bike trail. No bridge will be needed on Town property. He is working with Cliff Hughes to access Streeter Pond Road.

At this time we will not try to build a trail from Streeter Pond Road back to the boat launch due to the loons that hung out in that area.

LARRY reported we received a Thank You letter from the New Hampshire Turtle Rescue people for our donation.

It was decided that LARRY will contact Emily Bryant at Stonehouse Mountain Mapping and request a quote for a map of all the trails in Sugar Hill. This would be a wall mount map. We also would create a link so people could access the map on the Town website. We decided that we won't have paper maps available at the trail heads. This now puts more pressure on the Commission to get kiosks built. Once the kiosks are installed at each trail head we can attach a large laminated copy of the map.

LARRY reported that NHDES requires a formal complaint to be filed before they will take action on the Steele issue. LARRY will do an online version and report back. CHRIS did reiterate that the Town will have to make changes to drainage where the work was done.

JUDY provided the balances for all 3 of the Commission's bank accounts. Total is \$130,498.45.

Reminder that the Extreme Weather talk which we are a co-sponsor is December 9th at 6:00 in the Meeting House.

We decided to not hold a December meeting so our next meeting will be January 16, 2025.

JUDY made a motion to adjourn and JENNIFER seconded the motion. All approved.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00PM.