

Sugar Hill Planning Board

January 8, 2025

Members: Arthur Chase, Secretary Amy Venezia, Vice Chairman Steve Monsein, Alternate Kyle Kinsey, Chairman Rob Hayward, Margo Connors, Jim Keefe, Mike Valentine, Patty Robertson

Guests: Tara Bamford (via Zoom)

Chairman Rob Hayward called the meeting to order at 5:30PM on Wednesday, January 8, 2025. On a motion made by Steve Monsein, seconded by Jim Keefe the minutes of the December meeting were moved to be approved with the spelling correction in the 7th bullet under Master Plan Review changed from cridge to ridge. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Master Plan Review

The Board reviewed the changes made by Tara since the December meeting.

- Maps were updated – discussed purchasing an add on for the online maps for \$950 to allow for more details. Margo will bring this information to Conservation Commission for review.
- Culvert map was removed per discussion at December meeting
- Change to pg 55 to include education for homeowners on the unintended consequences of their outdoor lighting choices and the benefits to their neighbors, traffic and wildlife of reducing lighting and using Dark Sky approved lighting that is aimed downward and shielded.
- Some changes to update the recreation section 3.11. Added recommendation to work with landowners, adjacent towns and conservation organization such as ACT to create trails through their land that would link conservation lands with trails for year-round use.
- Added 2 recommendations to steep slopes section
- Added RSA wording to wetlands and floodplains
- Added recommendation about education for homeowners in outdoor lighting section
- Added recommendation to section 5.5 Richardson Memorial Library to maintain this rich community resource, the Trustees should continue to monitor and address changing needs and technology as they relate to the library facility
- Updated police department under section 5.8 Emergency Services
- Still waiting on updates to fire department section of Emergency Services
- Updated Cemeteries section

Tara will compile all the recommendations in the Master Plan for review at our February meeting.

Old Business/New Business

With no more business, on a motion made by Jim Keefe, seconded by Steve Monsein the meeting was adjourned at 6:35PM.

Submitted by:

Amy Venezia, Planning Board Secretary