

## Minutes of the Sugar Hill Conservation Commission January 16, 2025

The meeting started at 5:00PM.

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

JUDY made a motion to accept the November minutes and JENNIFER seconded the motion, all approved.

JENNIFER spoke of funding grants made available through the USDOE Office of Clean Energy. The grants are for community focused projects that demonstrate clean energy systems for rural areas. She will speak with Margo about this. We all agreed this could help expand the Town's commitment to clean energy.

A proposal was discussed to invest in an enhanced software program through the axisGIS software the Town currently uses. It was decided that we would not utilize the software enough to warrant the expense.

LARRY reported on the progress creating and updating maps with Emily Bryant at Stonehouse Mtn. Mapping. He will contact Emily and find out if she can add graphics and text to the maps. We were thinking of adding interesting features and facts to both the Town Forest and Coffin Pond maps.

We also discussed a free Water Testing and Well Workshop in Sugar Hill. Margo sent us information on a program that the NHDES is running. These workshops give private well owners knowledge of the common well contaminants and teach them how to determine if they need water treatment. After a workshop is held, DES offers free water testing for any private well user. The Commission is very interested in participating and will let Margo know. We have been trying to develop a program like this.

JUDY made a motion to adjourn, and CLAIRE seconded the motion, all agreed. The meeting adjourned at 6:00PM.

The next meeting is February 20, 2025.