

Minutes of the Sugar Hill Conservation Commission February 20, 2025

The meeting started at 5:00PM.

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

Guest: Hayley Droppert

CHRIS made a motion to accept the January minutes and JUDY seconded the motion. All agreed.

LARRY reported on a tour of the transmission line upgrades that he and Judy had with Eversource employees.

Discussed the trail map project and it was decided to not create a large map of all trails in town but to concentrate on the Town Forest and Coffin Pond. HAYLEY volunteered to work on the graphics and text that will be combined with the map for each location.

The kiosk design is still being worked on.

JENNIFER reported on the difficulty accessing the federal Department of Energy website as she works on applying for a grant. The political upheaval in Washington seems to be the culprit. She will continue working on it.

We discussed the possibility of offering an internship to a high school student to work on projects. Next step is to identify specific areas where we could use assistance. Members will bring their ideas to the next meeting.

On March 1st a balloon will be deployed on the site of the proposed new cell tower off Route 117 half a mile west of the Center District Road. This will allow residents to see the impact of the 150' tower. The Commission will need to have input on this project as the area where the proposed culvert will be installed is a recognized valuable wetland and habitat for turtles and other wildlife.

The Select Board asked the Commission for the final payment of the funds for the Master Plan. Due to a lack of timely public notice prior to the scheduled February meeting, Jennifer Gaudette arranged for the correct public notifications and we will have a quick meeting at 6:00PM Monday, February 24, after the Select Board meeting. The Commission had previously approved paying part of the cost.

JENNIFER made a motion to adjourn the meeting and JUDY seconded the motion. All approved. The meeting adjourned at 6:15.

Next regularly scheduled monthly meeting will be March 20, 2025.