

Minutes of the Sugar Hill Conservation Commission

Date September 19,2019

Start Time 6:05

Adjournment Time 6:58

Attending Members

Cathy Strasser

Margo Connors

Charles Wolcott

Chris Ellms

Tim Burger

Accepted minutes of August 22 2019 meeting.

Discussed about marker for the tree at Coffin Pond parking area planted by SHCC in Kathie Galligan's memory. CHRIS ELLMS gave further information about the risk of using natural stone vs cut granite. Voted unanimously to use cut granite. Conservation Commission will host family at a dedication ceremony.

Discussed possible improvements of bridge on the trail at the Town Forest. CHRIS ELLMS and CHARLIE WOLCOTT will look at bridge and consult on type and scope of improvements to be considered.

The Conservation Commission approved appropriating the sum of not more than \$1400 from the Conservation Fund for the survey and marking of the property boundaries between the Sugar Hill Meeting House and the Jesseman property donated to provide access to parking for town events. Work to be done by Gardiner Kellogg.

Discussion of diseased elm trees on Sunset Hill Rd. TIM WILLIAMS will get permission to cut trees from owners and TIM BURGER will cut them down.

Discussion of consideration by ACT of Rufus Perkin's offer of an easement to the Bronson Hill Cabin. Will SHCC agree to be the back up easement holder if ACT can't continue stewardship of easement. Motion to accept made by CHARLIE WOLCOTT, second by CHRIS ELLMS. Yes vote carried unanimously.

Cooley Jericho Community Forest will complete a glade cutting on the property for skiing in conjunction with the Granite Backcountry Alliance. Cutting was designed and trees flagged by Forester Jesse Moore leaving mature deciduous trees to form four trails.

ACT has produced a booklet about wetlands and living next to streams. They hope to produce enough booklets to distribute to all towns.

Next meeting: October 17,2019