

Minutes of the Sugar Hill Conservation Commission

Date July 11, 2017

Start Time 12:00 noon

Adjournment time 12:35

Attending Members

Cathy Strasser

Margo Connors

William Fraser

Tim Williams

Meeting at Coffin Pond instead of scheduled meeting on July 27 2017

Approved minutes of June 15 2017 meeting by email 7/17/2017, Unanimous

Noted that small elm tree near boat launch was diseased, should be taken down and wood destroyed to stop fungus. MARGO CONNORS said she would contact the town to have that done.

MARGO CONNORS reported we should meet with the cooperative extension forester (see June minutes) to walk the Town Forest trail. She said she would arrange a meeting in August.

We agreed on a site for a memorial tree for Kathy Galligan. The site was marked with a stake and red flagging on the mowed area between the parking area and rt. 18. The site is equidistant from the two clumps of birch trees and 18 ft in from the gravel parking area. CATHY STRASSER will arrange for purchase and planting of a suitable tree either crabapple or hardy flowering cherry.

TIM WILLIAMS reported that the Select Board had decided not to extend the Coffin pond trail around the pond but to have it go out to its present terminus and return the same way. He had emailed this information to Phil Magnuson, the abutter to the Coffin Pond property, and Mr. Magnuson was pleased that the matter had been settled in this way.

The SHCC should place a sign at the end of the trail indicating it does not continue.

12:11 Departed Coffin Pond

12:15 Investigated report of unpermitted residence on Streeter Pond on Map 202 Lot 21. We did not enter the property but looked from Streeter Pond Drive. There is a parked camper on the lot which appears to have been there some time. There is an electric power meter and box and a new power pole but no sign of septic facilities. There was no sign of posted permits that we could see. We could not determine the extent of cutting brush and trees along the shoreline.

Adjourned 12:35.

Next meeting August 17 2017 6:00 PM or date and time convenient to Cooperative Extension Forester

Submitted by Tim Williams