

Sugar Hill Conservation Commission December 15, 2016

Present: Margo Connors, Cathy Strasser, Tim Williams

Guests: Charles Wolcott

Minutes: October 20, 2016 meeting approved with minor revisions Revised minutes attached to this email. There was no November meeting thus there were no November minutes to review.

Treasurer's Report: Submitted by Bill Frazer via email to M. Connors.

CHARLES WOLCOTT presented an outline of a proposed bike path from Easton as far as Bethlehem connected with Profile school. The path would allow students to safely access the Profile School, provide a recreational resource for the larger area for bicycling and in winter snowshoeing and skiing. The path would be closed to motorized vehicles.

Angela McShane of Profile School and Chris Nicodemus of a Mountain Bike organization are interested in developing a plan for such a path. Several land owners on the west side of the gale and north of the Ham branch have indicated they would allow access through their lands.

T WILLIAMS moved that the SHCC provide not more than \$500 (from the Timber fund) pending submission of a proposal for SHCC funds to support planning for such a recreational path to include the town of Sugar Hill. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing: Coffin Pond culvert replacement Project

M. CONNORS Reported on Highway Department work on Coffin Pond inlet culvert which is rusted and needs replacement if the pond is to reliably receive water from the Gale River. She moved that SHCC tentatively approve not more than \$8000 (from the land use transfer tax Conservation Fund) for the repair work on the Coffin Pond inlet from the Gale River pending submission of a proposal from the Highway Department and Select Board. Motion approved unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Next meeting January 16 at 6:00 PM

Submitted by Tim Williams