

Minutes of the Sugar Hill Conservation Commission

Date March 22, 2018

Start Time 6:06

Adjournment Time 7:40

Attending Members

Cathy Strasser

Margo Connors

Chris Elms

Tim Williams

Guests

Charles Wolcott

Accepted minutes of 2/15/2018 meeting. Unanimous

We welcomed Charles Wolcott as a nominee for the Sugar Hill Conservation Commission. He agreed to be nominated as a regular member of the commission.

CATHY STRASSER reviewed some possible proposed changes to the wetlands permitting process as proposed by DEC. Comments are due by the end of April.

MARGO CONNORS proposed that the SHCC purchase lot 25, map 214, 3.6 acres from the estate of Nancy D. Aldrich for the sum of \$4,800 and donate this property to the Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust to be added to the Whipple Conservation Area. ACT would cover the costs of a lot line adjustment to include this property in the Whipple Conservation Area. This land is contiguous with the Whipple Conservation Area for which the SHCC has the back up executive responsibility. This land consists of wetlands and forested area and is valuable to the town for recreation and habitat preservation. Funds for the purchase would come from the SHCC Conservation Fund (derived from the land use transfer tax). A public hearing would be held at the next SHCC meeting to receive comments on this use of the Conservation Fund. This proposal was approved unanimously.

MARGO CONNORS led a discussion of connecting trails in the Robertson Town Forest with trails on adjacent private properties. There was agreement that we should pursue a general plan for trails on the Robertson Town Forest. A field trip to the Forest was planned for April or May conditions permitting.

CHARLES WOLCOTT provided an update on the trail systems planned by the Friends of Profile Trails to develop a variety of trails in this area. Some of these would include areas in Sugar Hill.

Next meeting: April 19 at 6:00 PM. This will be a public meeting

Submitted by Tim Williams