

Minutes of the Sugar Hill Conservation Commission

Thursday, January 15, 2015

Attending: Kathie Galligan, Margo Connors, Bill Fraser **DRAFT**

Guest: Ben Hunter, Forester

Commission interviewed forester, Ben Hudson, of Lyme, NH regarding work on the town forest. Ben has considerable experience developing woodland trails, natural habitats for animals and birds and what he calls "environmental woodscapes". The Commission agreed to hire Ben to initiate a standard inventory of the forest; determine assets; and develop a simple forest management plan and trail maps for the public. Margo will ask Jennifer to confirm the proposed work budget of \$1500 with Ben next week.

Commission reviewed Trumpet Round parking lot for the Cooley- Jericho Community Forest. The work will be completed this spring because contractor ran into ledge. The town will be able to remove snow from the area this winter to accommodate minimal parking.

Commission reviewed draft annual report. Kathie will mail copy to all members for final review.

Next meeting will be held on February 19, 2015 at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margo Connors