

Minutes of SHCC meeting June 18, 2015 6:00PM Meeting with Betsey McNaughten NH Fish and Game Land Agent re: Coffin Pond

Attending:

Kathie Galligan

Margo Connors

Bill Fraser

Bob Mancini

Tim Williams

Ms. McNaughten described the options for cooperation between NH Fish and Game (NHFG) and the Town of Sugar Hill (SH) for improvement of the access and parking area and trails of Coffin Pond.

Deeding the area to SH is not in the interest of either party. NHFG will retain ownership and control of the dam. SHCC agreed with this.

She will develop a draft lease agreement from NHFG to SH for 25 yrs. Allowing restoration of the car top boat launch area and conservation of the shoreline habitat including erosion control of the access area off Rt. 18. SH will fund and perform the work. Drafting, submitting, approving and filing the lease agreement will take at least 1 year. SH would maintain the land in lieu of rental payment for lease. SH may want to adopt standard NHFG boat access rules (e.g. No overnight camping, no alcohol, may close temporarily for health and safety.)

For the short term she will draft a special use permit which would allow SH to begin the desired work pending approval of NH DES if required. This should allow work to reduce erosion within the highway right of way and placement of boulders to restrict access by vehicles to ecologically sensitive areas. The special use permit could be issued soon, hopefully within a month, depending on her work load.

Margo Connor will investigate the need for DES permits for the work.

PART II

SHCC Open meeting 7:00PM to authorize additional expenditure of funds for the Trumpet Round parking area for C-J Community Forest due to unforeseen costs.

SHCC attendees as above

Mr. William ("Red") McCarthy consulting engineer to SH

No members of the public attended the open meeting.

Mr. McCarthy, reported on final costs of the project, \$14,854. He was able to negotiate several

items in the original bid.

Original bid: 12,900

Price reduced to 12,200 in January '15 based on revised culvert

Ledge Removal + 1590

Ledge Placement 264

Final Engineer's cost 800

Total \$14,854

authorized sum of \$14,910

Thus the final costs were less than the authorized sum of \$14,910 and no further appropriation is needed.

SHCC Briefly discussed the need for parking signs at trail head to the community forest.

SHCC decided to hold an open meeting for the appropriation of \$7,000 of Conservation funds for the conservation of the Coffin Pond access area on July 16 at 7:00 PM. With a regular meeting at 6:00 PM to hear from the Town Forester, Ben Hudson.