

Thursday, October 16, 2014

Attending: Kathie Galligan, Tim Williams, Tim Burger, Margo Connors

Guests: Gary Young, Rachelle Lyons, Zach Lebreux

Public Hearing to discuss Conservation Fund application

Margo Connors, representing the SH Select Board, presented the application requesting \$14,910 to build a parking area for 6 cars at the end of Trumpet Round Road, Sugar Hill.

Designated parking will be clearly marked and signed for community forest access for Sugar Hill residents and guests. The town will have complete control over design, maintenance and snow removal. Select Board is requesting moneys from the Conservation Fund so that this project can be completed by an outside contractor this fall. Town Road Crew does not have time to tackle this project before winter, but will contribute some materials and trucking to lower costs.

Gary Young pointed out that the town had the equipment to build lot without hiring someone from the outside. Margo explained that the goal of the Select Board was to complete the project as soon as possible so that there is clearly defined, safe parking for community forest so that visitors will not be tempted to park elsewhere.

Mr. Young also suggested that CC funds could be used to improve the area around Coffin Pond.

Three members voted in favor of expending funds. Mrs. Connors did not vote. The CC hopes that the full \$14,910 will not be necessary if town is able to help with materials and trucking.

Rachelle Lyons and Zach Lebreux reported on PAST this summer's Clean Water, Healthy Trout Initiative – Eastern Brook Trout Study. This is a joint project of Trout Unlimited, Plymouth State University and NH Fish and Game, AND THE Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust. Data collection is complete; study is in analysis phase; town should receive a full report with feasibility, implementation and monitoring recommendations in the near future.

Students from PSU made a film on the study which they will share with the town.

There will be a presentation on the project in Easton on Saturday, November 1, 2014.

Tim B. will investigate ways that Lafayette Regional School students can participate, Kathie G. will look into Profile HS opportunities.

Road Clean-up scheduled for Saturday, October 17, 2014.

Next Meeting – November 20, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,
Margo Connors