

Minutes of the Sugar Hill Conservation Commission

Date: Sept 17 2020

Start Time: 5:00 PM

Adjournment Time 6:00 PM

Attending Members:

Margo Connors

Cathy Strasser

Timothy Williams

Charles Wolcott

Chris Ellms

Location: Crapo Building

Accepted minutes of August 27 2020

Next meeting October 15 2020 at Crapo

MARGO CONNORS reported asking Bob Mancini, NH Fish and Wildlife, to give us a report on the state of Coffin Pond.

Discussion of how to provide information on Town Trails. CHRIS ELLMS reported deleterious effects of posting some trails in Franconia and White Mtn National Forest on websites such as All Trails where anyone can post resulting in illegal use, destruction of habitat and littering. Other sites such as Trailfinder and the Sugar Hill Town website are curated and should cause fewer problems. Discussion focussed on finding a balance between misuse, overuse and damage on one hand and underuse, especially by town residents on the other. Decided to focus on Town website. MARGO CONNORS will contact Littleton Conservation Commission to see how they did their maps and information, CHRIS ELLMS will provide tours of Town trails for map makers and CATHY STRASSER will provide descriptive text for website.

Discussion of ways to educate Town property owners concerning Shorelands NH state DES regulations on restrictions on clearing and other activities near rivers and water bodies. CHARLES WOLCOTT and MARGO CONNORS added we should also present property owners with more opportunities for conservation as detailed in Town Master Plan. MARGO will ask Jennifer to put DES wetland/shoreland regulations on website.

Submitted by Tim Williams