

Sugar Hill Conservation Commission
June 17, 2021

Members present: Charlie Wolcott, Judy Sawyer, Larry Sawyer, Chris Ellms

Charlie took the group on a very nice walk showing the Whipple Field and describing the highlights. We observed the mowed paths and sections of the field which are being mowed to curb certain species of plants (lupine, dogbane). We also observed the recent plantings within the northern section of field. After gaining perspective on the Whipple Field history from Charlie, the group felt that meeting with ACT representatives at our next commission meeting on July 15 would be helpful.

In other business:

It was brought up by interested parties that the Conservation Commission should look into the Coffin Pond water level (very low) and whether something could be done at the inlet to help the situation. Dredging, cutting back brush will be looked at specifically. Larry and Chris were going to meet at Coffin Pond to investigate possibilities within the next couple of weeks.

Chris informed the group, as part of a larger UNH "BioBlitz" effort, Dave Govatski a US Forest Service retiree and expert birder will lead a Bird Identification Walk at the Phillip Robertson Forest in September. More details to come.

Chris Ellms
Chairman