

Minutes of the Sugar Hill Conservation Commission March 17, 2022

The meeting started at 5:00PM and adjourned at 6:10PM

Minutes were recorded by LARRY SAWYER

In attendance:

Chris Ellms, Claire Von Karls, Charlie Wolcott, Judy and Larry Sawyer.

JUDY SAWYER made a motion to approve the February Minutes and CHRIS ELLMS seconded it. Unanimously accepted.

CHRIS ELLMS explained the letter from Eversource notifying the town of the planned maintenance of their ROW that goes through town starting in May. This is the ROW that crosses the Phillip Robertson Town Forest. They will cut back the underbrush by mechanical means. We will need to check the 3 town trails and make sure they are passable when the cutting is complete.

CHRIS ELLMS reported there has been a lot of people using the trails in the Town Forest this winter including snowshoeing and fat tire bikes.

CHRIS ELLMS reported he will be attending a meeting March 21st with the state and affected landowners and several engineers about the ice jams forming in the Gale River down stream of the Crane Hill bridge. He will report back to us at the next meeting.

We next discussed the spring roadside cleanup. LARRY SAWYER suggested we expand the cleanup from a weekend to a month and publicize the change using the town email. We hope more people will participate and hopefully all the roads and streets in Sugar Hill will be cleaned. LARRY will order trash bags from New Hampshire the Beautiful and ROSE ELLMS has graciously volunteered to pick them up for us. LARRY will also write the announcement for the town email and speak with JENNIFER GAUDETTE about getting the Commission an email address.

CLAIRE VON KARLS asked about the bridge project at Coffin Pond and specifically about the property line between the town land and NH Fish and Game's property. After looking at the map we are in agreement that where we propose to install the bridge is on Sugar Hill town property. LARRY SAWYER found a plan for the bridge and everyone had a chance to look at it. We are planning on building this ourselves.

We discussed the possibility of creating a trail around Coffin Pond utilizing the Fish and Game property. We will investigate this further.

A reminder that next months meeting is April 21st at 5:00PM and Representative Tim Egan will be our guest. CLAIRE VON KARLS will confirm this for us.

JUDY SAWYER made a motion to adjourn and CHARLIE WOLCOTT seconded the motion. We adjourned at 6:10PM.