

Minutes of the Sugar Hill Conservation Commission November 18, 2021

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

In attendance:

Chris Ellms, Tim Williams, Judy and Larry Sawyer, and Margo Connors.

CHRIS ELLMS reported on the progress made by Stonehouse Mapping to create the new map for the Phillip Robertson Memorial Trail. He passed out color copies for our review and comments. We agreed it looks very good. This is a continuing work in progress and should be completed spring of 2022.

We also discussed and agreed that the current name of the Phillip Robertson Memorial Trail should be changed to the Phillip Robertson Memorial Forest to better reflect what it is.

CHRIS ELLMS reported on his discussion with ROSALIND PAGE from The Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust about the Whipple Field easement amendment. She will need to discuss this with the board at ACT. After a discussion amongst ourselves we decided to have CHRIS arrange for ROSALIND to meet with our Commission at the January 2022 meeting. We are looking for a simple but binding resolution to our concerns about the changes made at the Whipple property.

LARRY SAWYER brought up the subject of removing some of the trees in the parking area at Coffin Pond. It was determined that this had been approved at a previous meeting. LARRY will coordinate this with PETER CARBONNEAU and get this done next spring. He will also make sure to get a quote for improving the grassy areas around the parking areas at Coffin Pond next spring.

JUDY and LARRY SAWYER informed the members that there was currently cutting being done along the banks of the Gale River opposite the Ski Hearth Farm on the Streeter Pond road. CHRIS stated he would check into it. CHRIS ELLMS told us that the property is considered a farm so they have more leeway as to improvements without oversight.

JUDY and LARRY SAWYER also mentioned that limbs, leaves and pine needles have been dumped on SHCC land along Rt 18 beside Coffin Pond. It is coming from a private residence across the road. MARGO CONNORS said the selectmen would send the owners a letter.

MARGO CONNORS informed us about some of the work being done at the transfer station to improve the trash stream from Easton, Franconia and Sugar Hill. We will discuss this at a future meeting and see if our Commission will help.

LARRY SAWYER made a motion to adjourn at 6:10 and TIM WILLIAMS seconded it.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 16th at 5:00PM.