

Minutes of the Sugar Hill Conservation April 21, 2022

The meeting started at 5:00PM and adjourned at 6:20PM.

Minutes were recorded by Larry Sawyer.

In attendance: Chris Ellms, Claire Von Karls, Charlie Wolcott, Margo Connors, Judy and Larry Sawyer.

Rose Ellms attended as a guest.

LARRY SAWYER made a motion to accept the minutes of the March meeting and JUDY SAWYER seconded the motion. All agreed.

ROSE ELLMS reported the progress being made on the map for the Phillip Robertson Town Forest. She had a conversation with EMILY BRYANT from Stonehouse Mapping and brought in a copy for us to have. We all agreed it looks very good. A new trail has been built called the Ledge Trail by the ELLMS family. CHRIS discussed asking David Govatski to add information on specific spots in the Forest which have unique features that users of the Forest may not be aware of.

We also discussed creating a marker or blaze to be used to identify the property line of the Forest. MARGO suggested we should consider using the emblem that the Sugar Hill Police Department has. We will get a copy for the next meeting.

LARRY SAWYER reported that the Commission received a Wetlands Permit Application from the State of New Hampshire as part of the planned replacement of the culvert carrying the Bowen Brook under Route 117 near the Bickford Hill Road. Construction should start in June.

LARRY SAWYER reported that the safety vests have arrived and the roadside trash bags are here. 1 box went to the Franconia Hardware and 1 box to the Transfer Station. 3 boxes are in the office at the Crapo Building. MARGO had a conversation with TIM BLAKE at the Transfer Station and he doesn't want volunteers sorting the trash for recyclables. His concern is a safety issue. LARRY and JUDY will speak with him Friday.

CHRIS ELLMS reported he has been contacted by a representative of a family having issues with a viewshed easement here in town.

MARGO CONNORS suggested the Commission could use some of our funds to replace Maple trees on town properties and perhaps even give financial help to individuals wanting to plant or replace trees. We all feel this is a great idea and a great way to use some of our funds. MARGO will get more information on the specifics for the next meeting.

We discussed asking the Profile School for assistance in building a kiosk for the Phillip Robertson Town Forest. LARRY SAWYER will contact Mr. Briere at the school.

A reminder that ROSALIND PAGE from ACT is scheduled for the next meeting, May 19th at 5:00.

CLAIRE VON KARLS made a motion to adjourn, CHARLIE WOLCOTT seconded the motion. We adjourned at 6:20.

