

Minutes of the Sugar Hill Conservation Commission July 21, 2022

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

Minutes recorded by Larry Sawyer

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

JUDY made a motion to accept the minutes of June 16th and CHRIS seconded the motion, all were in favor.

JUDY SAWYER reported on the quotes for the lumber to construct the walking bridge at Coffin Pond. Poulsens Lumber had the best prices. JUDY will ask JENNIFER GAUDETTE which fund the money should come from. We estimate the bridge will cost \$2000. We will do the construction ourselves. LARRY SAWYER made a motion to move ahead with the bridge project, JUDY seconded the motion and all were in favor.

The SHCC has not received a bill from MIKE WARREN for the landscape work he did at Coffin. LARRY will contact him for the invoice.

There is no evidence of further dumping of plant waste at Coffin.

CHRIS led the discussion about the SHCC monitoring the water level at Coffin Pond. This would involve placing a post in the pond with clearly marked grade lines so we will be able to see easily what the current level is. We would also need to be able to adjust the splash boards to maintain the proper water level. We feel the splash boards would be simpler to maintain than installing a mechanical valve. It would also require us to place the splash boards in the proper position for winter. The consensus is to go ahead with this responsibility once we understand how the splash boards work. As JUDY is at the pond twice a week to pick up litter, she volunteered to monitor the water level.

CHARLIE WOLCOTT brought up flooding an area of the pond for skating in the winter, weather permitting. We thought this was a very good idea and CHRIS stated he has a pump that could be used.

It was noted the logging at the Sugar Hill Inn has been completed.

We discussed the proposed landfill in Dalton and CHRIS provided information he received from State Representative Edith Tucker. He will contact her and find out if she would like to meet with the Commission. He will let us know via email what he finds out.

We also discussed adding a new member but easier said than done.

LARRY made a motion to adjourn and CHARLIE seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:20.

Next meeting is August 18th.