

Minutes of the Sugar Hill Conservation Commission April 19, 2023

The meeting started at 5:00PM.

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

JUDY made a motion to accept the March minutes and CLAIRE seconded the motion All approved.

CHRIS reported that JIM MCMAHON of the NHDOT had met with DOUG GLOVER, Chief MIKE HO-SING LOY and CHRIS about the Bowen Brook culvert replacement on Route 117. The consensus is the best scenario will be closing Route 117 for 2 weeks right after Labor Day. After some discussion LARRY made a motion to accept the 2 week project/closing and to notify the Town Select Board of our recommendation. JUDY seconded the motion and all approved. This is only a recommendation that we agree with the design and we feel this will have the least disruption to the Town. We also appreciate the effort JIM MCMAHON is making to protect the turtles. CLAIRE will send him a letter thanking Jim.

We have scheduled a work day at Coffin Pond to add safety boards to the bridge.

We discussed the historical trails issue that was prompted by CHRIS NICODEMUS'S 's email. Agreed the next step may be to work on one trail section and see how it goes. The trail from the Town Forest to Pecketts Crossroad was suggested. We are still working out the details.

We discussed the Master Plan and the scheduling of a Zoom meeting with TARA BAMFORD and LARRY will contact her. Would like to schedule the meeting for May 18th at 5:00PM. HOLLY volunteered her computer for the meeting.

CHRIS reported on his meeting with DR. LANG who owns the land that has been damaged by Mr SABADOS. Water testing has shown that excavations may have disturbed mine tailings as some samples are showing high levels of dangerous metals.

JUDY made a motion to adjourn and CLAIRE seconded the motion. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:30.

Next meeting is May 18th.