

Minutes of the Sugar Hill Conservation Commission July 15, 2023

The meeting started at 5:00PM.

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

HOLLY made a motion to accept the minutes for the June meeting and JUDY seconded the motion. All approved.

CHRIS gave us a report on a meeting between Eversource and the Select Board regarding the pole replacement project. Overall feeling is Eversource may not be as open and forthcoming with their plans as we had hoped for. Our concerns are with the amount of gravel roads that will need to be built for access, the truck traffic in town hauling the gravel, the fact that Eversource will not be securing the roads but will be leaving it up to the landowners, and what will be the actual heights of the towers.

There will be a public information meeting August 1st with Eversource here in town.

LARRY told us of the upcoming tree removal at the Meeting House. This is the removal of several dead and dying trees.

JUDY reported on an Intent to Cut application.

CHRIS told us that the boards at the gate between the Gale River and the inlet to Coffin Pond had been removed. That explains the high water level. With the assistance of Red McCarthy and an employee of the Highway Department Chris replaced the boards and he and Red cleared the outlet box. Judy and Larry volunteered to keep an eye on the boards It also appears someone rode a motorcycle on the trail. We will have a rock placed at the entrance to allow only pedestrians.

LARRY brought up the possibility of creating a trail along Coffin Pond to the dry hydrant on Streeter Pond Road, this is opposite Reggie Tarr's place. The trail would follow the side of the road to the Ski Hearth Farm property and then go back to the end/outlet of Coffin Pond. Further discussion later.

We agreed to work on the Master Plan at the next meeting.

HOLLY made a motion to adjourn at 6:15 and CLAIRE seconded the motion. All agreed.

Next meeting is August 17, 2023.