

Minutes of the Sugar Hill Conservation Commission September 21, 2023

The meeting started at 5:00PM.

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

CHRIS made a motion to accept the minutes of the August meeting and CLAIRE seconded the motion. All approved.

We started with a report from CHRIS about Coffin Pond. September 2nd, Rose Ellms, Judy and Larry Sawyer pulled the beaver dam again on the inlet by the bridge. It was noted that the water level was quite low. CHRIS pulled 3 boards and the water level is much better but, CHRIS told us that there is a leak at the outlet. This will need to be corrected next spring.

CHRIS also reported that a Faxons Hawthorne shrub has been found at the Streeter Gale River Bridge project area. The shrubs will be scooped up and replanted at Coffin Pond using one of the town machines.

CLAIRE reported on the completion of the DOT Bickford Hill culvert project. She and her husband have had several conversations with the head engineer and are satisfied with the results. We discussed the possibility of plantings being added to soften the look. The SHCC would be doing this. A project for next spring. We also discussed the lack of communication and clarity between DOT and the town. Something to keep in mind in the future.

The rest of the meeting was working on the Master Plan. We had a productive discussion. The next meeting will be October 19th and we will be working with Tara Bamford via Zoom.

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