

## Minutes of the Sugar Hill Conservation Commission May 16, 2024

The meeting started at 5:00PM.

In attendance: Chris Ellms, Claire Von Karls, Charlie Wolcott, Jennifer Childs-Roshak, Judy and Larry Sawyer.

CLAIRE made a motion to accept the April minutes and JUDY seconded the motion. All approved except for a spelling correction in the last sentence. The correction has been made.

JENNIFER CHILDS-ROSHAK has been sworn in and is now a full member.

ACT sent a letter requesting the SHCC support their efforts to procure grants for the construction of a parking area at the Cooley Jericho property. After a short discussion we agreed and will forward the letter to Jennifer Gaudette so it will appear with the Town letter head. Larry will take care of this.

We discussed the pond issue at the Steele property and Larry will create a letter that once approved by all Commission members, will be sent asking the Steeles if they want to meet with us in person or hold a meeting at their property. We will again ask Jennifer Gaudette to print it on the Town letter head.

CLAIRE was able to contact Dallas Huggins about presenting a program on turtles. Tentatively scheduled for August.

We still want to place a game camera at the Bickford Hill culvert. After some discussion we are all going to investigate the different types with an emphasis on a model with WiFi capabilities. We will report our findings at the next meeting.

We agreed that signs need to be placed on Route 117 to warn drivers to be on the lookout for turtles near or on the road. Once purchased the signs will be placed near Ledgeland and near the Bowen Brook Farm. We will search online for the signs.

We will write a short note for the next Town Newsletter reminding people to look for turtles. Larry will do this.

CHARLIE reported on the presentation given by the Plymouth State University students and faculty. The Tri-townstorymap can be searched online and has a huge amount of information that everyone can use. Emphasis is on water in the tri-town area, whether it is streams and vernal pools or aquifers, there is a lot of information. We are hoping a web link can be created to be accessible from the Sugar Hill town website.

JENNIFER CHILDS-ROSHAK volunteered to write a piece about the story map for the Town Newsletter. She will contact Jennifer Gaudette.

We discussed the continuing issue of unwanted outdoor lighting. Larry will put something together for the next meeting using information from the regulations that local towns have passed. He will bring it to the next meeting.

JUDY made a motion to adjourn and CLAIRE seconded the motion. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:05.

The next meeting is June 20, 2024.