

Sugar Hill Planning Board

March 5, 2025

Members: Secretary Amy Venezia, Vice Chairman Steve Monsein, Alternate Kyle Kinsey, Chairman Rob Hayward, Margo Connors, Jim Keefe, Mike Valentine, Arthur Chase

Guests: Tara Bamford (via Zoom), Brian Salas, Eversource

Absent: Patty Robertson

Chairman Rob Hayward called the meeting to order at 5:30PM on Wednesday, March 5, 2025. On a motion made by Steve Monsein, seconded by Jim Keefe the minutes of the February meeting were moved to be approved. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Eversource

Public Hearing

Cutting/Trimming trees along scenic roads

Brian Salas arborist from Eversource presented plans to cut/trim along scenic roads in Town beginning sometime this spring. He anticipates that trees intended to be removed will be marked by the end of next month. He noted that there are some maple trees that have been identified along Jesseman and Lovers Lane that they will not remove and will trim. He explained that they sent out information to all land owners last Fall explaining the process and giving them 45 days to contact them with any concerns or questions. If there is no contact from the landowner that will imply intent to cut. They do try to work with the landowner to get permission to cut and will work with the landowner if there are specific requests to not remove something. The Board saw no concerns with the plan and noted that they have been happy with previous work conducted by Eversource and Asplundh in town.

Master Plan Review

The Board continued the review of the action plan with Tara. The following comments were made:

- 5.7 will be reworded to add something about waste reduction
- 5.10 we will add area schools and Tri Town Recreation program
- 5.13 because the Broadband committee will probably disband it will now say continue to follow up on the work
- 5.15 add Willing Workers Association

Reviewed Chapter 1 of the Master Plan. All members were good with wording in 1.1 and 1.2. Discussed and will reword bullet 7 in 1.3 about modern communication system. Members were satisfied with all other bullets.

Old Business/New Business

Reviewed draft of driveway regulations shared. Margo will follow up on the fees and let Amy know if a public hearing will be ready for April. With no more business, on a motion made by Jim Keefe, seconded by Steve Monsein the meeting was adjourned at 6:45PM.

Submitted by:

Amy Venezia, Planning Board Secretary