

Minutes of the Sugar Hill Conservation Commission March 20, 2025

In attendance: Chris Ellms, Charlie Wolcott, Jennifer Childs-Roshak, Hayley Droppert, Judy and Larry Sawyer.

Guests: Earl Duval and Mike Warren.

The meeting was called to order at 5:05. CHRIS made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting and JENNIFER seconded the motion. All approved.

EARL DUVAL is the lawyer representing Blue Sky Towers, the company who is proposing to install a cell tower on land owned by the Presby family off Route 117. He confirmed that the town of Sugar Hill has no wetland ordinances and would be following NHDES requirements. Members had several questions including the culvert used for the Salmon Brook.

The landowners claim the culvert is sufficient, but MIKE WARREN stated that it is nothing more than a fuel tank with the ends removed and would not safely support the weight of the construction vehicles crossing it during installation. It also was pointed out that the brook has flooded over the culvert and fill had to be replaced to maintain the road. JENNIFER proposed the landowners have an independent engineering firm take a look and give their recommendations, we all agreed.

We are concerned that the rebuilding of the culvert and adjoining area may increase the amount of land disturbed, and an Alteration of Terrain permit will be required.

There are three tributary streams that will need to be crossed, and we would like to know what is planned for storm water runoff.

EARL acknowledged our concerns and will meet with the landowners. No permits have been granted. He will be contacting us via email.

We met with Mike Warren about a 115.3-acre parcel of land next to the Town Forest. MIKE told us he does not want to sell it and have houses built on it. The land is in Current Use. Members told MIKE that we were very interested, and further discussions will need to be held. MIKE said he is not in a hurry. CHRIS will talk with MIKE to get more information.

The members discussed having a group tour of the land and weather permitting we will schedule the time and day. LARRY will contact JENNIFER GAUDETTE to post the meeting.

JENNIFER made a motion to adjourn, and JUDY seconded the motion, all approved. The meeting adjourned at 6:30.

The next meeting scheduled is April 17, 2025