

Minutes of the Sugar Hill Conservation Commission April 17, 2025

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

Guests: Claudia and Richard Hunt, Rebecca and Tim Burbank, Fred Von Karls.

JENNIFER made a motion to accept the minutes of the March meeting and Claire seconded the motion. All approved minutes.

We opened the meeting with a discussion with our guests about the proposed sub-division of a piece of property on the Dyke Road which at one point ACT was interested in purchasing. It was a good discussion with the Commission emphasizing our concern with the minimal disruption to the intermittent streams and any other wetland features on the property. Since this is a "major sub-division" NHDES will need to be involved. We assured the guests that representatives from the Commission will be attending the next Planning Board meeting scheduled for May 7. This part of the meeting ended at 5:40.

Turtles were our next subject. Like we did last year, we will be placing the Turtle Warning Signs along Route 117 near the Bickford Hill Road on May 1st. We will also install the protective fencing and signage at Coffin Pond on the same day. CLAIRE suggested we recognize the people who helped in the past with securing the safety of our wild turtles, whether it was moving turtles out of the road or safely moving hatchlings toward water. We will write a piece for the Town Newsletter and express our appreciation for the Turtle Superheroes.

CHRIS reported on his meeting with Mike Warren and the tour he took of the land that is for sale. Since The Society For the Protection of New Hampshire's Forest already holds an easement on part of the property they may be a better option to purchase the whole property. CHRIS and MARGO CONNORS are meeting with SPNHF on Monday April 21 on another subject but CHRIS will bring this up also. He will report back.

LARRY made a motion to at 6:15 and JENNIFER seconded the motion. All agreed.

Next meeting is May 15, 2025.