

Minutes of the Sugar Hill Conservation Commission June 19, 2025

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

JUDY made a motion to accept the May minutes and JENNIFER seconded the motion. All agreed.

We discussed the Warren land purchase, and the Society for Protection of New Hampshire Forest has shown interest in purchasing the land. SPNHF already holds easements on the two building lots. We are waiting for their decision. SPNHF has already spoken with Mike Warren, so he is aware.

The Eversource project through the Town Forest is on hold. We have been offered another tour and JUDY and LARRY will go. They will continue to push for matting to be installed instead of a road. They will report back after the tour.

CHRIS reported on an issue with the inverter failing at the town solar array. To ensure this does not go unnoticed again, Hayley volunteered to monitor the system via an APP.

We discussed the possibility of placing safety road cones near known turtle nests. We felt it may create an issue with NHDOT. We decided not to pursue this.

We discussed taking an active role helping the Planning Board {PB} identify forested wetlands during the subdivision process. The procedure we decided on will start with the secretary of the PB notifying the Commission when an appointment is made for a conceptual plan to be presented to the PB, a Commission member will attend. A member will attend the next meeting when a more detailed plan is presented. We will then attend the site visit with the PB and using a NHDES environmental fact sheet for identifying forested wetlands, we will look for clues as to whether the parcel has features that may indicate a wetland is on the property. When we do find evidence of a wetland the PB will be notified, and they will take the appropriate action with the developer. LARRY will contact AMY VENEZIA to set this up with the Planning Board.

The Commission members feel that there should be a meeting between the Select Board, Planning Board and the Conservation Board to help with communication. LARRY will discuss this with AMY.

LARRY received the invoice for our share of the EXTREME WEATHER program and will give the invoice to JENNIFER GAUDETTE.

JENNIFER made a motion to adjourn, and Larry seconded the motion. All agreed. Meeting adjourned at 6:00.

The next meeting is July 17.