

Minutes of the Sugar Hill Conservation Commission April 16, 2026

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

Guest: Ken Gauthier

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

After a brief discussion it was decided that LARRY will continue as Chairperson and secretary.

HAYLEY DROPPERT has agreed to be our seventh member with MARGO CONNORS and HOLLY HAYWARD as alternates.

HAYLEY reported being unable to find a report on the wetlands survey for the Split Rock subdivision. There is a drainage report.

CHARLIE reported that ACT and Split Rock have agreed on a purchase price for the 43 acres adjacent to Dyke Road that is owned by Split Rock. The Conservation Commission, after a discussion, agreed to donate \$40,000 to ACT towards the purchase. JENNIFER made a motion for the donation and CLAIRE seconded the motion. All agreed. LARRY will contact Rosalind Page at ACT.

HAYLEY volunteered to speak with DOUG AMSBARY about helping us with the design of a kiosk at the Town Forest. MARGO is going to investigate the history of the dam in the Town Forest.

We have received the two copies of the State Wildlife Action Plan created by the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department. One copy will be kept in the map room at the Crapo Building and the other will be given to the Town Library for residents to use.

We had an update and discussion about Coffin Pond. We are still optimistic about the future but the next step will be a meeting between NHDES, NHF&G, SHCC, Select Board and the Town Engineer. We will be proactive with passing information to the public when we have it.

LARRY reported on the deteriorating condition of the wooden ramps on the Berm Trail at Coffin Pond. We will remove the ramps for safety reasons but leave the rope that helps the climb.

We have LAURA SOKOLOSKI of the UNH Extension Service attending the May meeting and ROSALIND PAGE will attend our June meeting.

A brief discussion was held between the Commission members and KEN GAUTHIER about the future of the golf course on Sunset Hill Road. ACT holds the Conservation Easement on the 76 acres which limits what can be done with the property. We all agreed that the golf course is an asset to the Town and region.

LARRY mad a motion to adjourn and JENNIFER seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:15.

Next meeting is May 21st.