

**SULLIVAN CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Sullivan Town Hall**  
**August 14, 2019**

**Present:** Jim McByrne, Wendy Pelletier, Roger Sweet, Chip Woodbury, Becky Cummings and guest, Wendy Byrn.

Meeting called to order at 6:32pm. The minutes of the July meeting were approved as read.

Wendy P. thanked Jim McByrne for building and setting up the kiosk at the foot of Winch Hill. She will check the trail to Meetinghouse Rock this week to see if work needs to be done on it before the fall History Hike for Families. It has been tentatively scheduled for Oct. 5th, with a rain date of Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>, both at 1pm. She will also get the directional signs done. A suggestion was made to have cider and donuts as refreshments after the hike.

Wendy Byrn came to speak on the problem of climate change and some programs she thought might be of interest to Sullivan people. The Drawdown Program is one she has seen and proposed. It's about 2 hours long and includes time for interaction with questions and answers. A similar program by C-Change (changeconversations.org) was recently given in Dublin. The question came up of how to get people out – suggestions included having the get-together in someone's home, serving food, joining with other towns and maybe sponsoring something in Keene. Suggestions of local speakers included Pat Martin from Rindge, Marge Shepardson from Marlborough and/or someone from Antioch. Tom Sherpa and Paul Bolduc in Sullivan are also very knowledgeable. After some discussion, it was decided this could be a good project for the winter, using the Sullivan Library for displays and perhaps a location for the talk(s). More plans will be made at a future meeting.

Wendy B. was asked if she might like to join the Commission as an alternate member and she agreed. Becky made the motion to accept; Chip seconded and all are in favor of having Wendy join.

An Intent to Cut came through for James Whitney on Price Rd. It will cover 175 acres with the operation being handled by Dalton Mtn. Forestry in Dunbarton.

Discussion followed on the Lois Woodbury Trust Property that was cut without authorization, when the logger/forester followed tax maps of neighboring property rather than a survey map. This is now in the hands of the State Forester and the Courts.

The David Swett property on Gilsum Road has yet to be cleaned up after a 2018 logging operation. The large washout runs onto Gilsum Rd. with an old skid trail that is about 4' deep. Wendy P. has contacted the State Forester and DES about the problem.

Work is happening at the cell tower with the developer and contractor up-grading the stabilization.

Some unpermitted work was reported being done on the Phinney property on the Gilsum/Sullivan town line. The State can handle it.

There is a contract on the Parker land on Cross Rd.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Becky Cummings