

SULLIVAN CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Sullivan Town Hall
August 11, 2021

Present: Wendy Byrn, Wendy Pelletier, Roger Sweet, Chip Woodbury and Becky Cummings.

The minutes of the July meeting were accepted as read.

Kathleen Wheeler has held a few meetings for those interested in working on restoration of Jewett Park. Becky mentioned the only stipulations she found in the original grant papers are that the park should be handicap accessible and any work will not create an environmental impact.

On Sept. 18 at 2pm, Conservation will host a nature walk in the Bolster Pond area. Parking will be at the boat landing. Becky said she would notify Bart & Betsy Cushing as to what is going on that day since they have a camp nearby on the shore. Rain date is Sept. 19.

Trail work on Winch Hill will take place on Oct 9. Meet at 9am at the library with tools for trail-blazing and trimming.

Roger, a member of Sullivan's ZBA, presented an update on the preliminary site plan application submitted by Steve Key for Key Landscaping, LLC on South Rd. Unfortunately, it was incomplete. Key had not addressed any state, federal or local environmental regulations. At this point he is not building anything on the property, but is being allowed to store materials there. In addition to his business, he also plans to build two homes – one for himself and another for his son. Concerns that came up follow. There is an 18" culvert in a ditch line on the property with water running through it. Roger called DES with his questions on this and was advised Key needs to file an "after the fact" wetland permit and should secure the expertise of a soils-scientist to look at the watershed to see if the culvert is indeed okay the way it is installed, size, etc. Salt brine will be stored on the property – he needs to find out DES recommendations for storage and put those in place. Driveways that are more than 650' long generally need to have a turn-out every 300' so vehicles can pass and repass. The fire department will need to sign-off on the driveway safety when it is complete. Chip mentioned he has recently had delivery trucks to the Key property turn around in his driveway. Wendy P. said Key will also need an AoT Permit (Alteration of Terrain). A town permit will also be needed for the metal building he plans to put up on a slab.

Wendy B. said she has been in touch with Eversource and the NHSaves Program people. They will be having several virtual programs (via zoom) that will be open to everyone in NH. She will get that information to Becky for the newsletter.

Wendy B. also told the group about UNH Extension's BioBlitz Program. This is a scavenger hunt of sorts and will take place in September. Wendy will also get this information to Becky for the newsletter.

Wendy P. suggested a day change for meetings – would the 4th Wednesday of the month work for members? All present agreed it would be okay. The next Conservation Commission meeting will be 22 Sept.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Becky Cummings