

SULLIVAN CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Sullivan Town Hall
Jan. 26, 2022

Present: Wendy Byrn, Wendy Pelletier, Eric White, Chip Woodbury and Becky Cummings.

The minutes of the September meeting were approved as written. There were no meetings in Oct., Nov. or Dec.

Last fall Richard (Dick) Smith sent a poem and song he had written about Sullivan to Ann & Roger Sweet. Becky shared copies of them with the conservation members. Dick (a resident of MA) has owned a large parcel of land on the backside of Chapman Pond for years and because of that, a big part of his heart is in Sullivan. Many people remember him from his annual participation in roadside clean-up. We could count on seeing him each year along with his family - his kids and grandkids would pile out of their cars to help and then they all stayed for lunch afterwards. A very congenial group, they always brought a dish to share, too.

Wendy P. gave the commission an up-date on the site plan review of the Key property on South Rd. Steve Key was present with his attorney, engineer and some of his family. Some of the requested conditions are being adhered to and others have yet to be addressed. For a complete account of the meeting see the minutes of the Dec. 15, 2021 Planning Board meeting. In the future, site plans will be reviewed by Planning Board members before any hearing is held.

The commission will hold roadside clean-up day on May 7th. Because of Covid, it was decided not to offer lunch to participants, but people will be invited to bring their own lunch for an outdoor "picnic" at the town hall at noon. Conservation will supply beverages.

Ideas for Earth Day, April 22nd were discussed. The theme this year is "Invest in Our Planet". Roger, although not in attendance, passed his idea along of postponing any Earth Day celebration to the same date as roadside clean-up and perhaps asking Kathleen Wheeler and the Jewett Park group if they had ideas to combine with clean-up and/or Earth Day.

Wendy B. thought it would be fun to invite households to make environmentally related posters for a contest. A thought – "What I Like about the Outdoors" as a topic. The posters will be displayed at the library. If anyone needs paper, 11" x 17" pieces will be available at both the town hall and library. Each entrant will receive a complimentary "Earth Day" gift. Wendy B. is going to write up an article for the next newsletter. Wendy P. suggested tree seedlings be given out. Members of the commission will continue to discuss all suggestions. The thought is to get basic information about roadside clean-up and the poster contest into the March issue of the newsletter.

Eric said one of his bird photographs has been chosen by Northeastern Naturalist Manuscript for the cover of one of their up-coming publications.

Becky asked if all the members present would like to remain on the commission. The town and state always check about this time of year. All present agreed, although Eric said he may be moving in June and will no longer be a resident. Plans are to return in the future though.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Becky Cummings, Clerk