

SULLIVAN CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Sullivan Town Hall
July 14, 2021

Present: Wendy Byrn, Wendy Pelletier, Roger Sweet, Eric White, Chip Woodbury and Becky Cummings. Kathleen Wheeler was present as a guest.

The minutes of the June meeting were accepted as read.

Kathleen Wheeler was present to discuss the future and “restoration” of Jewett Park. She recently held a paint night to raise funds towards the project and raised almost \$500. The goal is to raise \$10,000. Roger asked what she meant by the word “restoration” and Kathleen explained she means having something residents will use. A recent poll of people who belong to the Sullivan Community Facebook page showed there is a big interest in having a playground area. Since Sullivan no longer has a school in town, there is no longer anything like that.

Much discussion followed: Check with town insurance & selectmen about liability for a playground. The up-keep of the park just kind of fell into the Conservation Commission’s lap – perhaps it would be good to get the Recreation Committee involved, too. Thinking of grants, be sure to check with the Moose Plate and other state programs. If a playground is installed, there will still be a spot to locate a kiosk of local hiking maps. The Dvoraczek Fund is to be put towards annual up-keep. C & S Grocers often have community programs that benefit projects such as this. One goal is to improve the space for family get-togethers. An old car show is another idea.

It is evident there are several people interested in giving new life and a new face to the park. Conservation members were in agreement that it is good to see the enthusiasm and interest with new, younger members of the community and encouraged Kathleen to go ahead and set up a committee to restore the park. For now, the park committee will operate as a subcommittee under the Conservation Commission. In the future, it could possibly become a stand-alone park committee. The park was created with funds from a grant – are there any restrictions? Becky will check and see if she has anything in her old files, but didn’t think there was anything planned that wouldn’t be approved.

Winch Hill – Eric said someone had cleared a bit of the trail, but it still needs some chain saw work. Chip said he will check it out before the next meeting. People agreed a September work day would be good.

Wendy gave an update on the Key property on South Road. The town sent a letter to Key outlining the procedures he has to follow to move his business there, met with him in person and he has ceased work on his property. He is in the process of completing the applications and will apply for a site plan review soon.

There will be a site walk this Friday, July 16 at 3pm for a driveway permit on another one of the Bolles’ subdivisions. It is under the power lines on South Road; between Dunn’s and Bunker’s.

Wendy said the town is planning to add a code enforcement person who will periodically check on new construction/remodeling sites, etc. to be sure local ordinances and state regulations are being followed. It was also mentioned that many of Sullivan’s ordinances need review and revision.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Becky Cummings