

SULLIVAN CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Sullivan Town Hall
June 26, 2024

Present: Wendy Byrn, Chip Woodbury and Becky Cummings.

The minutes of the May meeting were accepted as read.

Chip said he had taken a walk up to Meetinghouse Rock to see how much work the trail needed. It's in pretty good shape – the tree that came down has been rolled off to the side. It would be good if someone could mow it before the July 27 hike. Becky said she would contact Todd Smith, our road agent, to see if they might do it.

Wendy P. forwarded a note from Sparky Von Plinsky to Chip to relay to commission members. Sparky is a member of the Cheshire County Conservation District and also chair of the Keene Conservation Commission. He wrote to see if the commission might be interested in attending a meeting to share ideas about conservation of the local natural and agricultural resources.

Discussion followed on the need for more members of the commission. Notices have been posted for a couple of months and no one has shown any interest. It seems to be that way with many boards/committees in town. Sullivan is so close to Keene that it seems many people are just happy to use it as a bedroom community, not wanting to be an active part of the town. How can we get more people interested and take some pride in their community?

Ideas for town hikes? A hike to the Bear Dens came up once again. At past meetings, it was brought up that it might be good to try and plan something with Gilsum Conservation for this. Wendy P. suggested talking to Chip Chapman about a combined hike.

Chip mentioned that before Covid a lively group of townspeople used to meet for coffee at the Sullivan Library. It would be good, if that could begin again.

A note was received from the Ashuelot River Advisory Board thanking the Commission for their annual donation.

Becky had asked at a previous meeting about the regulations set for Winch Hill by the T of TF and the Commission. Chip spoke to Jim Casey about it and he felt it would just be opening a can of worms, if anything was posted on the kiosk.

Remember the library/town hike to Meetinghouse Rock on July 27 at 2pm. Meet at the library.

Meeting adjourned at 7pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Becky Cummings