

SULLIVAN CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Sullivan Town Hall
May 10, 2023

Present: Wendy Byrn, Laurie Goldsmith, Wendy Pelletier, Chip Woodbury and Becky Cummings.

The minutes of the March meeting were accepted as read.

Wendy P. announced that the annual meeting of Southwest Regional Planning will be held on June 13 in Heberton Hall. Topic for the evening is "Why Towns Should Play a Part in Planning for our Energy Future". Although there is no fee to attend, advance registration is required. RSVP by June 6, 2023.

Wendy P. also read a note from the Ashuelot River Advisory Board thanking us for our annual support of \$125. The note serves as their "bill" for the coming year. Becky will submit it to Kathleen to be paid. The Board is always looking for volunteers, if anyone might like to join them. Roger & Ann Sweet did it for years – speak to them for more information. During testing this spring some e-coli was detected, most likely from a large run-off.

Becky mentioned that Wendy Byrn needs to be sworn in for her 3-year term on the commission and Becky needs to be sworn in to serve until 2025, which will complete her 3 year term.

Brief discussion of roadside clean-up. The consensus of opinion is to go back to our original dates of the 1st or 2nd Saturday in May, shortly after the town newsletter comes out. The turn-out this year didn't seem to be as good as past years. There didn't seem to be any benefit holding it on Earth Day and the same day as Green-up Keene. Chip handed out bags that morning and had people sign their volunteer forms at the town hall. The forms are very cumbersome and take some time to fill out. He will try and consolidate

We have yet to hear from Todd about the amount of trash brought to the recycling center. It was good to be able to provide lunch once again, after the Covid shut-down. In the past Chip Woodbury provided music for the group, but this year a discussion on local housing took over most of the time.

Wendy P. explained to the commission what the Housing Committee is and why it has been set up. It's part of the Master Plan update.

Earth Day posters, displays, etc. - Wendy B. said let's try again next year – everyone agreed. Think of what might get people interested & involved and return to the discussion again in January.

Wendy P. recently met with Kathleen Wheeler, Kevin Wheeler & Mark Smith (logger) in Jewett Park to determine what trees should come out, so the park area can be used safely. Estimated cost is \$1,500. A few years ago, Wendy P. contacted Barbara Richter at the NHACC to see if the commission could use funds from Sullivan's LUCT to pay for this. Yes, it is an approved use. After the trees are taken down, they will be cut into log-lengths and given to Todd for use in the highway furnace.

The Euonymus (burning bush) have been removed from in front of the town hall and will soon be replaced by blueberry bushes. Leslie Casey has suggestions on what type would be good there.

Chip & Kathy recently hiked up to Meetinghouse Rock. The trail is in fairly good shape except for one large tree that came down across the trail. This will take a couple of people with a chain saw to clean up. In the past the fire department helped to keep the road open, in case of fire. Perhaps one or two people could be solicited from there to help.

Motion made to adjourn at 7:50pm. All in favor, adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Becky Cummings