

SULLIVAN CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Sullivan Town Hall
Oct. 9, 2019

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

The minutes of the September meeting were accepted as read – motion by Chip, seconded by Roger, all in favor.

About 30 people went on the hike to Meetinghouse Rock, including some new people in town. It was suggested that in the future a sign-up sheet is passed around so people can give their names and email addresses to be notified about future hikes. Discussion followed about where to have the next hike. Suggestions included Table Rock and the Stone Chamber; the waterfalls and mill sites off Ellis Road/ behind Pratt's (especially good late winter and early spring); around Ellis Reservoir on Nature Conservancy land; the Piper Lot and Giant's Cradle. Deer hunting season will be starting soon so hikes will be put off until sometime before town clean-up day or maybe even earlier, if on snowshoes.

Wendy P. received notification from Laura (selectman) that \$1,955 will be deposited into the Land Use Change Tax Account for Conservation (PDIP). This is from the Walters (6-11-4; 6-11-5) and Rokes (5-20) properties. The Land Use Change Account now has between \$40,000 & \$45,000 in it and the Land Acquisition Fund about \$13,000.

Driveway permits were recently given to the Arguins and Brolins. They have existing driveways, but needed something recent in order to have them paved.

It was suggested that next year an old culvert be installed on Winch Hill to replace one of the water bars. The forest fire truck would never be able to get up there the way it is now.

Discussion followed about a program on climate change for this winter. Roger suggested Kathy Schillemat, Paul Bolduc or Tom Sherpa might be willing to speak. What is the Harris Center doing this year at Nelson School? Are they incorporating climate change into any of their programs? Roger will see about getting a report from them on what is planned for this year.

Wendy suggested the budget for the coming year remain the same as last year.

Dues	\$265.00	
Postage	25.00	
Training	120.00	
Youth Ed.	500.00	(Harris Center at Nelson School)
Haz Waste	933.00	(also includes roadside cleanup)
Water Test	125.00	(Ashuelot River testing)
Total	\$1968.00	

Chip made a motion to accept it as written; Jim seconded and all voted in favor.

Wendy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 pm. Jim seconded and all voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Becky Cummings