

SULLIVAN CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Sullivan Town Hall
July 17, 2019

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

The minutes of the June meeting were accepted as read.

There was discussion about the number of people who helped with the Jewett Park work on Sunday. According to social media, it sounded as if quite a crew might show up with a brush hog, loppers and other appropriate tools. Wendy, Dan Osborne and Becky were the only ones to appear. They decided to finish up the trimming around the monument instead. Jim McByrne and Eric White were at Winch Hill to set the posts for the proposed kiosk at the foot of the hill. Comments had also been made on social media about condition of the play yard behind the horse sheds. This was originally put in for use by the YMCA daycare that was housed in the church basement many years ago. It has not been maintained in recent years and is not in an easily accessible area for the public to use. Becky made a motion that the conservation commission accept the swing set for the park, if the church no longer wants it. Chip seconded. All in favor. The swing set could be put in the open area at the park and that would leave the area behind the church an open field which would be easier to mow and it could be used for baseball, soccer, etc.

It was noted that several of the elms from the Elm Research Center/Liberty Tree Society in the cemetery had died and others were thriving. The dead ones should be removed soon.

Wendy Byrne attended the Conservation meeting last week, not realizing it had been postponed. Unfortunately, she could not make tonight's meeting. She would like to create a series of discussions on climate change to make people aware of what is happening and what can be done to alleviate the problem(s). The commission has an opening for a new member and it was suggested she might be interested. Roger will contact her.

Thanks was received from the Ashuelot River Advisory Committee for our annual contribution. Wendy also had receipts for the commission's hazardous waste payment (\$396.49) and for the amount of rubbish dropped off after town clean-up day (no fee).

Discussion followed of some timber cuts in town. The Souza/Folco property (formerly Myer's) on Centre St., (Dean Smith, logger) - there is a boundary dispute, some wetland disturbance and some questionable work done. There is a cease & desist order on the property work. It was recently visited by a State Forester and the property has been newly surveyed since the problems arose. David Swett property on Gilsum Rd., (Mark Jackson, logger) - the timber tax and all fees have been paid but the land is still a mess. The State Forester will be notified.

Robert Baird applied for a driveway permit for his shed on Centre St. (across from 219 Centre St.).

Roger asked if any thought had been given to updating our NRI (Natural Resource Inventory) with more detail. At this point others in attendance thought the one the commission has now is sufficient.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Becky Cummings