

WENONAH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

July 14th, 2004

Dave Kreck called the Wenonah Environmental Commission to order at 7:34 PM in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act at the Community Building.

<u>ROLL CALL</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Bill Schramm (Chair)		X
Dave Kreck (V. Chair)	X	
Scott Barnes (Sec.)	X	
Bob Bevilacqua	X	
Paula Hayes		X
Brian Hayes		X
Bill Schnarr		X

Associate Member Present: Chuck Forsman (*acting as Member to satisfy quorum*)

Public Guest Present: Richard Dilks

PUBLIC COMMENT

- **Richard Dilks:** Chuck introduced Mr. Dilks, who has been researching ferns and flowers of the Conservation Lands for the past 15 years. Mr. Dilks presented the Commission with paper and electronic copies of his extensive research documents for use in public education and natural resource inventories. Bob asked that he also come to next month's meeting to talk with the other members.

OLD BUSINESS

- Minutes of June 9th meeting were approved with one correction. (Motion: Bevilacqua, Second: Kreck)
- **Synnott's Pond:** Department of Environmental Protection 319H grant application was delivered and acknowledged. Award date is in October.

A Base Map documenting existing conditions is done. Dave will produce a Construction Map in the next month or so.

Dredging permit application will be submitted in September. We may need to get a special streambank permit, since the project encompasses 1600 feet of streambank. (Maximum is 300 feet on a normal permit.) The extra permit should not pose a problem, since the project will improve the stream's condition, unlike most development activities.

Chuck has been in contact with residents familiar with historical lake conditions. He says we will get a schematic of the historical lake.

- **Finances:** \$650 in Borough account; \$3396 in Friends of Wenonah Trails.
- **Trail Maintenance:** Frank placed his two benches at Wenonah Lake and at the Glen. Tree blocking Mantua Creek Trail has been cleared. Mike Stranahan moved some of

the Mantua Ave. dirt pile onto the Mantua Creek Trail; Scott to find out if he will complete this.

- **Website / E-mail:** Website is up and running! Address is: <http://www.atomsmith.net/environment>
- **Borough Park Trees:** Delayed until fall.
- **Foot Traffic Only (FTO):** No activity.
- **Borough Stormwater:** WEC can get involved in at least two ways: 1) Paint storm drains to indicate that they drain to the ocean. 2) Document outfall structures. (Frank already has a list.)

Further discussion next month. Lots of potential volunteer work. Borough must submit a compliance report to the State by the end of next April.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Comey's Lake Trash:** Chuck warned Diana Paolino about trash spilling from her property into the Teahouse area. Bill Schnarr probably has the most current status.
- **Planning Board report:** Public Works area redesign will be discussed at the next meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:22 PM. (Motion: Barnes, Second: Bevilacqua)