

WENONAH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2011

Rich Dilks called the Wenonah Environmental Commission to order at 7:33 PM in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act at the Community Center.

<u>ROLL CALL</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Rich Dilks (Chair)	X	
Bob Bevilacqua (V. Chair)	X	
Scott Barnes (Sec. / Planning Bd. Rep.)	X	
Dave Kreck		X
Tommy Lombardo		X
Chris Newman		X

Associate Members Present: Frank Eggert¹, Bill Klaus
Minutes of the December 8th, 2010 meeting were approved with one correction. (Motion: Bevilacqua, Second: Barnes, AIF)

REORGANIZATION

- **Officers:** Rich Dilks as Chair, Bob Bevilacqua as Vice-Chair, Scott Barnes as Secretary and Planning Board Representative. (*unchanged*)
- **Time and day of meetings:** Second Wednesday of month at 7:30 PM (unchanged).
- Welcome to Bill Klaus as a Member to fill Scott Birkland's unexpired term through December, 2012.

BUSINESS

- **Chairman's Report:** Comey's Lake tree removal work is on hold until the lake thaws.

The Department of Environmental Protection returned our Eldridge Trail permit applications as expected because we did not submit wetland delineations and site plans. Dave will try to get this work paid for as part of the Recreational Trails Grant, should we receive it.

Wenonah's "Sustainable New Jersey" application has enough points, but not enough mandatory items. Bill is trying to get council to pass a Sustainable Land Pledge. A \$41,000 grant was received to upgrade the firehouse heating and cooling systems.

Bill will try to arrange for a Rutgers instructor to hold a Rain Barrel Workshop in town on February 12. We should promote this through our own email list, as well as the Athletic Association's list.

The consensus is to renew our ANJEC membership for 2011. Environmental Resource Inventories (ERIs) were also discussed. Scott found literature from the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission listing the price of an ERI at \$10,500. ANJEC grants cover only half of this cost. It may not be worth this price. Bill said that Sustainable New

¹ Acting as Member to satisfy quorum.

Jersey would only accept a formal ERI, not our species listings. Scott will continue to query ANJEC on this subject.

At the Stone Pool Garden, Frank said the last 3 feet of stonework needs to be mortared; progress was stopped by the weather. A new trail sign is ready. Dan Bevilacqua will help to build the steps in February.

At Maple Ridge, the owner has formally applied for Green Acres funding from the state.

The next Vulture Festival planning meeting will be on January 20th. Rich will compose a mass distribution email to explain the changes in the festival this year.

One Stewart Estate plaque mount need to be re-done. Three others are complete.

The Shawnee Drive erosion problem might be addressed inexpensively by staking hay bales to the ground. The borough will be choosing and paying for any activities in this area.

At Synnott's Pond, 3-4 tons of stone are available for the Boy Scouts to place.

- **Capital Projects (Bob Bevilacqua):** Bob noticed lots of paintballs and deer in the woods.
- **Public Relations (Scott Barnes):** A spreadsheet of potential volunteers (originally from Chuck) is now available to anyone who wishes to sign on to the free Google Documents service.
- **Trail Maintenance (Frank Eggert):** Frank suggests moving excess wood chips at Synnott's Pond from behind Pritchard's to Elm Avenue.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:37 PM.