

WENONAH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes
January 12th, 2005

Bill Schramm called the Wenonah Environmental Commission to order at 7:32 PM in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act at the Wenonah 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 Members Present: Richard Dilks, Frank Eggert, Chuck Forsman

Minutes of December 8th meeting were approved. (Motion: Schnarr, Second: P. Hayes)

REORGANIZATION

- Bill Schramm and Brian Hayes were re-sworn to three-year terms by Mayor Capaldi.
- Time and day of meetings: Second Wednesday of month at 7:30 PM (unchanged).
- Newspapers of record: Gloucester County Times and Camden Courier-Post (unchanged).
- Officers: Bob Bevilacqua as Chair, Dave Kreck as Vice-Chair, Scott Barnes as Secretary, Bill Schramm as Planning Board Representative.
- Officers, newspapers, and meeting times were approved by voice vote. (Motion: B. Hayes, Second: Kreck)
- Proclamation recognizing Bill Schramm's nine year tenure as WEC chairman was presented by Mayor Capaldi.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Synnott's Pond:** National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) funding is \$15,000. Must revise scope of work to a total budget of \$16,500 to \$18,000. Excavation can be scaled back slightly to make room for a perimeter trail. NFWF offers separate assistance with plants and seeding up to \$2000.

Bob investigated equipment needs. Dredging will require long-reach excavators resting on "crane mats." (Crane mats are railroad ties bound side-by-side to a 16-foot width.) Near Elm Avenue, need to put in fill and take out one tree. Woodbury-Glassboro Road access is not required after all.

Bob reported serious erosion underneath the dam. This can be addressed by installing a "gabion basket" which holds large stones. Access to perform the dam work can be

gained behind the Pritchard property.

Permits still needed from the State. The NFWF local office can assist us in this area. Major work probably can't be accomplished this year. In the meantime:

- Chop vegetation and briars, especially on the right (Woodbury-Glassboro) channel.
 - Borough can use ditch witch to lower the left channel streambed four feet from Elm St. to the dam.
 - Fix the dam.
 - Build the trail.
 - Query the County about whether it intends to address the storm water issue.
- **Wenonah School After-School Program:** 12 students are participating.
 - **Wenonah Lake Dredging:** Bill Schnarr asked about a destination for dredging spoils. Some suggestions were the south side of Borough Hall, or inside the fenced area at Wenonah Lake.
 - **Trail Maintenance:** Frank is rebuilding the wooden Wenonah signs. Planned work for spring includes: steps at the Glen Dam, and a permanent fix to the bulkhead at Clay Hill.
 - **Paper Street Vacation:** Chuck displayed a tax map, and pointed out various errors in marked conservation areas. WEC was asked specifically for an advisory vote on whether the portion of Cedar Street that abuts Comey's Lake should be vacated. Vote#1 proposed a complete vacation; a "yes" vote was a vote to vacate. Vote#2 proposed a similar vacation with the town retaining a 20-foot easement in the center.

Vote #1 was 3 yes (Barnes, Bevilacqua, Schramm), 3 no (B. Hayes, P. Hayes, Schnarr), with 1 abstention (Kreck). Vote #2 was identical. Since there was no established tie-breaking procedure, the WEC offers no opinion on the Cedar Street vacation.
 - **Borough Stormwater Management Plan:** Due in May. Roles of County and municipalities are still uncertain.

NEW BUSINESS

- **2005 Projects:** Five Mile Hike at 1 PM on Sunday, February 13th. *[NOTE: Later corrected to Saturday, February 12th.]* Rain date is February 20th. Hike starts at the school playground.
- **Eagle Scout Projects:** Joseph Carson appeared in person to request a project. No definite commitments were made yet.
- **BirdQuest 2005:** WEC will again co-sponsor the event with a \$100 contribution. To be held on May 7th this year.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:23 PM. (Motion: Bevilacqua, Second: Schramm)