

WENONAH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

August 9th, 2006

Bob Bevilacqua called the Wenonah Environmental Commission to order at 6:43 PM in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act at the Comey Lake Amphitheater.

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

Associate Members Present: Bonnie Bell¹, Mary Ellen Bush², Chuck Forsman³

Minutes of the July 12th meeting were approved. (Motion: Bevilacqua, Second: Forsman)

BUSINESS

- **Chairman's Report:** A Kids' Hike picture appeared yesterday in the Gloucester County Times.

Three work parties were completed on Tuesdays in late July and early August. The first addressed a large downed tree on the Garden Trail. The second involved a structural repair to the Bog Walk. The third addressed soil erosion at the northern end of the Wenonah Lake Trail.

The Glen Dam leak is now under repair. Bob and his brother will be shoring up the stonework.

Synnott's dredging activities will take place on 3 or 4 weekends in October. Jay Barton is donating the use of some critical equipment. Our financial position is as follows: \$14,000 received from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, plus \$6,000 in Friends of Wenonah Trails, plus \$2,400 from the borough budget. The borough is expected to set up a \$20,000 maximum contract. We will solicit more money once more visible digging is underway.

Handouts for neighbors of Conservation Lands were divided for distribution around town.

Duckweed in Comey's Lake has several possible remedies. One is Sonar pellets; a single 40-lb. treatment is \$1,110. Some towns perform this treatment annually. A DEP permit is required. In our case, the problem will persist due to the shallowness of the upper lake. The last treatment of this type at Comey's was in 2003.

¹ Acting as Member to satisfy quorum.

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- **Legal (Chuck Forsman):** Dave Ramsay will be applying more stain to the Teahouse to further block the graffiti. Nearby trees at the “stepping stone” stream crossing are continuing to collapse and impede passage; these should be cut down or cut back.

Chuck suggested instituting an adopt-a-site program at the elementary school. He also suggested an arrowhead hunt for the next Kids’ Hike.

- **Public Relations (Scott Barnes):** The next borough newsletter deadline is on Tuesday. Requests were made to publicize: Synnott’s construction schedule and an anti-dumping reminder for neighbors of Conservation Lands.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:20 PM. (Motion: Bevilacqua, Second: Forsman)