

# WENONAH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2010

Rich Dilks called the Wenonah Environmental Commission to order at 7:31 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	
Scott Birkland		X
Dave Kreck		X
Tommy Lombardo	X	
Chris Newman	X	

Associate Members Present: Mary Ellen Bush, Chuck Forsman

Minutes of the July 14<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved (Motion: Bevilacqua, Second: Barnes, AIF)

## BUSINESS

- **Public Comment (Bill Klaus):** On the “Sustainable New Jersey” project, 70 of the required 150 points have been submitted. Bill is trying to arrange a Project Porchlight event at the Harvest Fair; the WEC would receive 200 compact fluorescent lights plus \$200-\$400. Also, \$50,000 in block grants is available for municipal energy efficient building upgrades; the borough doesn’t need any certification to apply.
- **Chairman’s Report:** The Comey’s Lake Dam has been holding its own recently (see *July minutes*). It is too dangerous to fix now; we will wait until February when the borough lake-lowering permit is in force.

Dave sent an email today addressing several subjects: he wants to use the just-concluded Kids’ Conservation Camp to address outreach requirements of the borough’s Stormwater Permit. A new stormwater outfall at the west end of Poplar Street is now under construction. Railroad trestle construction is complete. Finally, he wants to distribute stormwater-related handouts at the Harvest Fair.

Scott DeMuro has changed his proposed Eagle Scout project to construction of bat houses.

At the Friends of Maple Ridge meeting last evening, discussion centered on building public support for preservation efforts. A crescendo of public outreach is planned for next spring, after the current election season is over. Also, South Jersey Land & Water Trust has applied for direct state Green Acres funding on behalf of the committee.

The Conservation Camp held on Monday and Tuesday this week attracted 18 children. Activities included a presentation on “Sustainable Wenonah” and hands-on water quality testing.

Balance in the borough budget is \$2,596.36. Dredging costs for Synnott’s Pond have been paid.

On the Stone Pool Garden project, an on-site meeting is planned for September 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 PM for any interested parties.

- **Public Relations (Scott Barnes):** The next borough newsletter deadline is on Monday the 16<sup>th</sup>. Suggested topics include: Sustainable New Jersey, rain barrels, and compost bins.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:10 PM (Motion: Bevilacqua, Second: Lombardo, AIF)