

WENONAH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

December 8, 2010

(corrected as per January 12 meeting)

Rich Dilks called the Wenonah Environmental Commission to order at 7:35 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 Member Present: Frank Eggert

Minutes of the November 10th meeting were approved (Motion: Kreck, Second: Bevilacqua, AIF)

BUSINESS

- **Chairman's Report:** This is Scott Birkland's last meeting. Rich offered thanks for his 5+ years of service and best wishes for his new position in DC.

The remainder of the budget should be spent to survey for, and to apply for a permit in support of, the Recreational Trails Grant application for the Eldridge Trail. On a voice vote, approved hiring Kreck, Wood, and Hallowell Associates, Inc. for not more than \$1,585.20. (Motion: Bevilacqua, Second: Barnes, AIF) Frank believes the Lower Bridge (the one in need of replacement) was built in the 1970s by John Hall. Dave said that if it predates the 1970s-era flood regulations, no permit would be required.

For the 2011 budget, we will request \$3,500. Bob felt the chain saw or chipper lending idea raised maintenance and liability issues. Other possible expenses would be waders and rakes for pond maintenance.

No news on "Sustainable New Jersey" certification.

Plants are in place at the Elm Street pumping station.

Plants are also in place at the Stone Pool Garden. Frank and Bob will be working this Saturday on the mortar top course and on a drainage problem.

Scott Barnes attended an ANJEC networking meeting covering Salem, Cumberland, Gloucester, and Cape May Counties. The value of an Environmental Resource Inventory was stressed; Wenonah has never done a formal one. ANJEC offers grants toward the cost of hiring professionals to do an ERI, and is willing to do a more detailed presentation at one of our meetings. Dave and others felt this was worthwhile. Scott will notify the ANJEC contact.

The route of the January 19th Moonlight Hike was discussed. It will be the Garden Trail

to the Tea House.

The Gloucester County Nature Club wants us to co-sponsor another Mad Hatter's Tree Party in 2011. By a voice vote, this was approved. (Motion: Newman, Second: Bevilacqua, AIF)

Bob has placed three Stewart Estate plaques. One more needs to be mounted.

On the Shawnee Drive erosion problem, Councilman Kaeferle will do an inspection when he is able. Bob mentioned that the west end of Cedar at our trail entrance is also eroding badly.

At Synnott's, Mr. Pritchard will be allowed to use some stones for a lake access way. Bob objected to his excessive use of wood chips behind his property; there is no clear trail anymore. He should be reminded once again that this is conservation land. On a brighter note, John Schad has repaired the damaged bridge railing.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:43 PM (Motion: Bevilacqua, Second: Kreck, AIF)