

# WENONAH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes  
June 11, 2014

Chairman Scott Barnes called the Wenonah Environmental Commission to order at 7:27 PM in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act at the Wenonah Lake Pavilion at the conclusion of the annual WEC volunteers Picnic.

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

**Associate Members Present:** Frank Eggert, Chuck Forsman, Maria Ceravolo

**Public Guests Present:** Watershed Ambassador, Jessica Aubry, Lorie Forsman, John Mullins, Sharon Ceravolo, Trish Duer, Emily Duer, Maggie Duer and numerous additional picnic attendees

Minutes of the May 14 meeting were approved. (Motion: Newman, Second: Lombardo, AIF)

## **Public Guests**

Watershed Ambassador Jessica Aubry confirmed plans for the invasive species control work party. The work party will be held on Sat. June 21 at 9:30 A.M. and will concentrate on removing wisteria from the area around the tea house. Participants will meet at the entrance to the conservation area on Lenape Trail near the pumping station. Appropriate tools to bring would be clippers and loppers. Mike Hogan may participate.

Bob presented award certificates (and tree card sets and bird posters) to young persons, Emily and Maggie Duer for their volunteer efforts patrolling and cleaning up litter on conservation area trails. Bob also praised young person, Kathy Lombardo for diligently pitching in and helping on WEC work parties.

## **Chairman's Report:**

### **Review**

Scott noted that early evening work parties on 5/29 & 6/5 have cleared log obstruction from Mantua Creek again permitting access by canoers and kayakers. Frank scheduled an additional log clearing work part for Tues. 6/17 at 5PM. Participants will meet at the rear of the Anyzec property.

Rich reported that Princeton Hydro treated both Comey's Lake and Dilks Pond on May 8 and Comey's Lake a second time on May 28. Dilks Pond remains clear and Comey's Lake appears improved. The first of three installments to Princeton Hydro for their services was paid from our budget in May.

Bob reported new bulkheads were installed by the foot bridge over Camels Back Run near E. Elm St on May 10th. Bob will confer with Maria about scheduling Daniel Cerevolo and the scouts to lay stone in the stream. Also Bob plans to meet with Dave Kreck and former WEC

member John Shaller about the best way to stabilize the stream bed at the foot bridge. .Bob indicated work on the dam area will not begin until fall.

Scott reported the Friends of Wenonah Trail Face Book page was completed on June 10. Face Book users were urged to "like" the page, make comments and add photos.

Scott (Planning Board liaison) reported the Planning Board did not meet this past month. Scott also noted that the Simpson house overlooking Comey's Lake is for sale. He also mentioned that realtor Paul Podgorski is offering donations from house sales to local organizations. Scott will request to have FWT include on the donation list.

### **Current Business**

Frank reported that Rich had written a letter to Jack Lerner and Scoutmaster Jack Morris listing deficiencies with the Hennisey's Landing Kayak launch. There has been no response to date.

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July Hike will begin at 4PM at the Eldridge Trail head. Frank will brush the trails prior to the walk. Rich volunteered to provide light refreshments at the tea house at the walk's conclusion.

Frank noted that several small White Pines he planted near the Wenonah Lake parking lot were stolen.

Rich reported that a letter has been sent to Wenonah School offering WEC awards (letter, certificate \$75 check, and additional items) to two graduating students. The school has not yet informed us of the awardees. Scott will present the awards at graduation on 6/25.

Bob reported that he and Tommy have still not been able to get the Comey's Lake fountain to run properly after two additional attempts. They will continue to work on resolving this.

Bob also noted the Wenonah Garden Tour will take place Sat. 6/14 from 10 to 2. The gardens of Bob, Tommy, Rich and Sharon Ceravolo are on the tour.

Bob indicated he will confer with Dave on the proposed Clay Hull bulkhead.

Rich reported we have received a voucher for Clean Communities Day on May 10. The WEC will receive \$275.

The balance in the FWT account is \$8,160.35.

Rich reported he sent a letter to the borough on behalf of the WEC in support of the borough's application for the TAP Grant for Mantua Ave.

Rich reported that resident Julie Reem has seen the Emerald Ash Borer beetle at Maple Ridge and on the Eldridge Trail. Julie will report that sighting to NJ DEP.

Rich noted the SJL&WT will conduct a walk in the Wenonah conservation area on August 17 at 10 A.M.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:55 PM. (Motion: Newman, Second: Bevilacqua, AIF)

Minutes Respectfully submitted,  
Rich Dilks, Sec.