

**Town of Swanze Conservation Commission (SCC)**  
**Meeting minutes for March 13, 2007**

**Attendees:** Steve Stepenuck (SJS), Deb Crowder, Mike Morrison, Bob Wyman, Paul Daniello, Tiffany Mannion, Polly Glidden

Call to order at 7:05 pm.

**Guest:**

James Toye to discuss his proposal for Eagle Scout project—to do trail maintenance and repairs in the Honey Hill Conservation Area. James described his project, which includes bridge repair, reinstallation of stairs on the Yellow Trail, and clearing trail obstructions. SCC asked a few questions and heartily endorsed his plans.

Discussed contacting Steve Walker to ask about obtaining LCIP Boundary markers for Honey Hill. Need to ask the Barlows if they want them, and determine how many may be needed.

**Minutes:**

Discussed and approved February meeting minutes submitted by Michael Day. Paul owes minutes for January, and Deb was secretary pro tem for tonight.

**Reports:**

Treasury:

-SJS reported that the Town recently transferred \$10,000 to the Land Acquisition Fund from proceeds from the Current Use Exchange taxes received by Town last year.

Subcommittees:

ARLAC:

-SJS reported no news. Paul inquired about resumption of river monitoring—SJS did not have an exact timetable but speculated testing will occur from May through September.

Open Space (OSC):

- Deb reported that Lily Pendelton conservation easement is nearly completed. OSC March meeting not scheduled until March 20, thus no further news.

SWRPC-

- Polly will attend next meeting on April 25.

## **Unfinished business:**

### **Projects**

-Honey Hill:

letter to selectmen on Jan. 11—no response.

Ice Pond Duck Boxes:

Art and Mike replaced 2 old boxes with new ones.

-Carpenter French (Mt. Cresson) Town Forest:

discussed obtaining LCIP boundary markers. Steve Walker from OEP emailed SJS concerning boundary marking.

-Bluebird Houses: Belding Field:

Bob and Lisa Wyman cleaned them, all had been used by birds, except one that has a mouse nest in it now.

-Roadside Cleanup

scheduled for Saturday, April 21. Will firm up plans at April meeting. Art to contact NHDOT for bags and vests, Steve will talk to Lee Dunham about bags, Paul will do media publicity, Deb will make posters, contact the MRHS Interact Club, and ask John Silander if he will take the collected recyclables.

-Annual Canoe Trip:

set date for May 19, 9 am at Martel Court, Keene. Paul: publicity, Deb: posters.

### **Permit applications**

- Canyon Springs Estates, Talbot Hill:

Public hearing continued to March 1, to 15, then to April 5. Reviewed DES Request for More Information letter to Mirle Cross dated Feb. 7 that addresses many concerns about wetland impacts

-Broadvest Properties/Arrowcrest Drive project:

DES response dated Feb. 8: limit project to 20' from property lines

-Robinson/Johnson Partnership:

TML 52-26: permit request expired and was denied. No SCC action required.

### **Miscellaneous**

-Dec. 13, 2006 letter to selectmen requesting secretarial services, copy machine repair: no response.

-PB 2007 possible zoning amendments: wetlands, riparian buffers etc.; drainage requirements, density ordinance. Reviewed draft letter from SJS to PB about 3 concerns regarding drainage, growth management restrictions, and support for maintaining current wetlands setback ordinance. Revisions made, SJS will modify and re-submit at next meeting.

### **New Business:**

-Alleged Violations:

South Branch Group (Linwood Patnode-Kempton Rd. gravel pit TML 86-2): DES letter of Deficiency arising from an inspection conducted on Feb. 2 that noted erosion, installed culverts and re-routing of a perennial stream. SCC also had a copy of Linwood Patnode's response to DES, indicating he would hire SVE to conduct corrective measures.

### **Miscellaneous**

-Auto Salvage Workshop:

SJS attended, reported on new state requirements that include BMP's for coverage and impermeable surfaces, new licensing every year (there is currently one licensed salvage yard in Swanzey—Frank Buffum).

-4H Conservation Camp:

received mailing from UNH Extension, though no brochures (copy application). SCC will sponsor 2 campers to Barry Conservation Camp, parents must pay \$50 deposit and SCC will cover balance. Mike and Deb to publicize camp at MRHS.

-New DES rule:

Wetlands D & F applications must now include documentation from the Natural Heritage Bureau re: rare species, exemplary communities, etc. There is now a NHB Data Check Tool online.

**Adjourn @ 9:15 pm** (quite possibly a SCC world record for expediency)

Respectfully submitted,  
Deb Crowder