

Swanzey Conservation Commission Minutes

April 10, 2007

7:00 p.m. at Town Hall

Present from SCC: Steve Stepenuck [chair], Deb Crowder, Mike Morrison, Bob Wyman, Paul Daniello, Art Whipple, Polly Glidden, Tiffany Mannion, Michael Day

Present from Open Space: Victoria Barlow, Jeanne Thieme, Deb Crowder

1. Joint meeting with Open Space Committee (7:08)

Victoria presented the story and description of the Open Space Committee: pilot program in 2001 from SCC and fully in 2004. Swanzey citizens mandated to protect Swanzey's rural character: permanently protect Swanzey's open space. Representation from different boards; as many interest areas in town as possible through members and advisors.

Goals for 2007:

- a. protecting Johnson family farm
- b. initiate easement with three more land owners
- c. look at subdivision regulations
- d. look at protection or removal of town owned lands
- e. map blending (wildlife, parcels, zoning, roads)

Open Space looking for mission statement and priorities of SCC in order to work together without conflict; preserving and protecting natural resources; SCC responsible for wide spectrum: Wetlands, regulations, reporting to DES, everything that concerns natural resources of Swanzey.

Possible subcommittees between groups concerning specific projects and concerns, specifically ordinances; review it in September. Regularly email minutes and quarterly reports to each other: jmthieme@ne.rr.com

2. Minutes: acceptance of

- a. January: motion Deb, second by Mike, all in favor.
- b. February; motion by Deb, second by Mike, all in favor
- c. March minutes: corrections: "Paul and Mike minutes of January." Motion by Deb, second by Mike

3. Reports

- a. Treasury: no change
- b. Subcommittee:
 - i. ARLAC: (Steve) adding monitoring points on South Branch; monitoring dates: May 19, June 16, July 17, August 14, September 11. Training for monitoring May 10 at 6:30 at KSC. Volunteer River Assessment Program. South Branch Monitoring: June 11, August 28, September 17. Asking for data loggers for longer range readings.
- c. Open Space: discussed above
- d. SWRPC: meeting April 24

4. Unfinished Business

- a. Projects:
 - i. Honey Hill: no update
 - ii. Carpenter-French: boundary markings to communicate to public. Deb to follow up on types and locations of signs.
 - iii. Roadside Cleanup April 21 9:00-9:15 Check-in
 1. Bags, Vests: Art to go to NHDOT
 2. Bags, Vests: Steve to get more from DPW
 3. Publicity: Shopper News, Keene Sentinel, NHPR

4. Town Hall: Deb, Paul, Michael, Tiffany, Steve
 5. Gloves: Steve to reuse last years and buy some cotton gloves
 6. Recyclables: voluntary to bring back to MRHS Shed: glass, plastic, aluminum cans
 - iv. Conservation Camp: Mike: three candidates: authorized Mike and Deb to approve sponsorship as soon as the essays are received. Motion by Michael, second by Paul, all in favor 9-0-0.
 - v. Canoe Trip: new date of May 12 at 9:00 am starting near agway. Deb to make Posters, Paul for Publicity. Contact: Deb.
 - vi. Other Projects for 2007
 1. Cresson trail access and trailwork. Steve to contact Alan Gross for design and create trail with SCC help.
 - b. Permit Applications:
 - i. Canyon Spring Estates: conditionally approved by Planning Board
 - ii. Broadvest Properties, Arrowcrest Drive wetlands permit granted which includes bridge.
 - c. Miscellaneous
 - i. PB 2007 Zoning Amendments: Steve to send letter with zoning considerations from SCC to Planning Board: Motion by Michael, second by Mike, all in favor 9-0-0.
5. New Business
- a. Alleged Violations: G.A. Bell's Septic Lagoons: DES Administrative Order 07-004 [March 14, 2007]:
 - i. Immediately cease acceptance and discharge or acceptance
 - ii. close facility or comply
 - b. Miscellaneous:
 - i. NHACC Survey: completed at meeting
 - ii. Pay-As-You-Throw or drop fees for recycling; invite Dave for May meeting
 - iii. Herbicide spraying on National Grid ROW after June 4: Louis Tree Service
 - iv. SCC web page on townsite: Michael and Tiffany to manage website to include events, projects, maps of trails, favorite hiking trails,
 - v. 5 ZBA, PB items: no issues
 - vi. Website Space for CC: duplicate
 - vii. Energy conservation: letter to selectmen for energy committee
 - c. Other business as might arise
 - i. Cooperative Extension: to help with Muster Property on April 30 late afternoon
6. Adjourn: at 10:16 P.M. Motion by Steve, second by Paul, all in favor 9-0-0