

Swanzy Conservation Commission
MEETING MINUTES
September 8, 2009

Members present:

Mike Morrison, Gary Coburn, Deb Crowder, Robert Goodrich, Steve Stepenuck, Jane Johnson, Michael Day, chairman.

Absent:

Paul Daniello

Michael Day called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m

Discussions of reports of related committees:

- i. SWRPC: nothing to report, M. Morrison
- ii. ARLAC: Barbara Skuly has asked if Con.Com. could help ARLAC with e coli funds to pay for phosphorus tests. After much discussion, Steve Stepenuck made a motion that we agree to help ARLAC to expedite payment by allowing the use those funds. Deb Crowder seconded the motion. Unanimous vote approved the motion.

A motion was made by Mike Morrison and seconded by Steve Stepenuck that we test for e coli a.s.a.p. at the following sites:

1. upstream of the MRHS leach fields
2. upstream of the Bell and Madden pits (Carlton Rd.)

This testing is to be paid for with Conservation Commission Funds.
Voted unanimous approval.

iii. OSC:Deb

Crowder handed out invitations to the Johnson Easement Celebration, September 19, 2009. Deb also reported that the OSC is waiting for Monadnock Conservancy approval of the Domina Conservation Easement, but we should not expect until after the first of 2010. Monadnock Conservancy is still in the process of studying this.

iv. Stewards of Mt. Caesar: no news

v. Yale-Toomey Forest Zoning Workgroup

vi. Deb Crowder reports that letters have gone to Yale but no reply received at this time.

vii. Treasury Report: No expense this month to report, M. Day

Unfinished Business

a. Mill K invasive species and canoe access:

Deb Crowder reported that Bruce Tatro had spoken to J. Phippard about the canoe access and Phippard had felt that they were finished with their work at the site. He said that any more work would require a wetland permit.

Mike Morrison and Steve Stepenuck will attend a workshop on riparian buffers and conservation and will inquire to gain more information on this topic to share at our next monthly meeting. Michael Day did spray the knotweed plants at Mill K on 8/28 and will check and spray again periodically.

b. DES Permit Applications:

i. Tax Map/Lot 35/10201 Old Homestead

Highway More information requested re: impervious surfaces in plans

ii. Tax Map/Lot 46/6 Camp Squanto

(no new info)

iii. Tax Map 38/Lot 18 Fast Friends

New permit granted --drainage upgrades added to Alteration of Terrain permit.

b. Moore Nanotech Purple Loosestrife

i. Letter penned by D. Crowder/P. Daniello, including a DES Fact Sheet.

ii. Michael Day reports an email he received from Len Chaloux noting that the eradication of the loosestrife is to begin on Sept. 9, 09.

New Business:

a. Applications and Permits: none

b. Projects:

i. Mount Cresson Trailwork

a. September 19 Trail Walk/work, 9 a.m. Bring clearing tools!

c. Mail and upcoming conferences/sessions:

Cheshire Co. Commissioners in conjunction with UNH Coop. Extension extend and invitation to an informational session on Longhorn Asian Beetles, Sept. 22, 6 p.m.-7p.m, at the Ches. Co. Court House, Winter St.,

Keene , NH .

Minutes

a. August meeting: Mike Morrison made a motion to approve the minutes and Deb Crowder seconded the motion.

Unanimous approval.

b. August Site Walk Meeting: Minutes of the site walk on August 28 were discussed. Steve Stepenuck moved we accept the minutes.

Gary Coburn seconded the motion.

Unanimous approval.

Other business:

Steve Stepenuck mentioned for our information that he had recently learned that the early shoots of knotweed could be used as food. Mike Morrison shared that he had used the shoots in a pie and it was similar to rhubarb.

Adjourn:

Motion made to adjourn by Mike Morrison, seconded by Jane Johnson. Unanimously approved. 8:25 p.m. on Sept. 8, 2009.