

**Swanzey Conservation Commission Minutes**  
**September 11, 2007**  
**7:00 p.m. at Town Hall**

Call to order at 7:02 by Steve Stepenuck

Conservation Members Present: Steve Stepenuck [chair], Bob Wyman, Paul Daniello, Mike Morrison, Deb Crowder, Tiffany Mannion, Michael Day

**1. Guest speaker: Grace Lilly** SNIP-IT [Swanzey Nips Invasive Plants-In Town]

-Ms. Lilly working with Sara C and David Krisch in the beginning stages of the group to work on plan for invasive species. Swanzey Recycling Center now burning knotweed instead of composting.

Ms. Lilly read a write-up by Kelly Stettson on invasive plants: see attached

-do not compost or cut up

-entire watershed must be involved, not just local. Reintroduction of native species must coincide with removal on knotweed.

-Ms. Lilly writing a grant due December through NH conservation for funds to combat

-Chair motioned to write a letter of support for SNIP-IT committee to apply for a grant to eradicate knotweed at recycling center as well as public awareness of knotweed. Deb seconded. Voted: 7-0-0-1. Deb will write a letter.

**2. Minutes** of July meeting; appointment of secretary *pro-tem*.

-minutes presented by: Paul to be reviewed by Friday

-Michael Day appointed secretary pro-tem

**3. Reports:**

a. Treasury: Bill for Conservation camp received [\$345].

-Bill for NHACC dues [\$250]

-both paid 9/11/07

b. Subcommittees/ reps Reports:

i. Ashuelot River Local Advisory Comm. [ARLAC] (Steve):

-Protected River signs; Paul to make a map of river

-River cleanup Sat. Sept. 29. Deb to contact interact club advisor

-Steve and Mike sampling this morning; low oxygen levels

ii. Open Space Committee (Deb):

-300 acres into Richmond for easement; site walk with Monadnock Conservancy; evaluation very good, public hearings to be set by selectman.

-next big event: September 30 gallery opening in Westport

iii. SWRPC Natural Resources Advisory Committee (Polly):

-Conservation partnership with Community Conservation Partnership, Antioch, Harris Center, Antioach, SWRPC, Monadnock Conservancy

iv. PB 2007 Zoning Amendments: density ordinance? Cluster redefinition?  
Subcommittee report:

-meeting tomorrow 3:30 P.M.

v. CC web page on town site (Michael D): not live yet, have information to create. Description of hiking trails: Honey Hill trail map. Groundwater Protection Brochure, dock permits: DES Shoreline Protection, link to DES, Wetland Regulation.

#### **4. Unfinished Business:**

- a. Permits/violations:
  - i. Snide: letter from NH Natural Heritage Inventory
  - ii. South Branch Group: report of serious erosion.  
-Steve received pictures from anonymous donor to forward to DES.
  - iii. Cambridge Farms of Jamesport: DES Letter—restoration plan approval.
- b. Projects:
  - i. Honey Hill: e-mail/letter to selectmen went out Jan. 11. No response.
  - ii. Carpenter-French: boundary marking. Signs in Land Use Office  
-pick date in October meeting to set landing signage
  - iii. Conservation Camp: Mike M.
  - iv. Muster Property: try to set work day in October  
-Art found artifacts on the property
  - v. Cresson trail: no new information
- c. Miscellaneous:
  - i. Dec. 13, 2006 letter to selectmen requesting secretarial services, copy machine repair: No response yet.

#### **5. New Business:**

- a. Violations: [S. Branch, as noted above.]
- b. Permit/variance applications:
  - 1. Buffum Auto Parts application for junkyard received today  
-no maps, site plans or various other requirements for application
  - 2. Joan Prevost: 4 violations from DES
- c. Miscellaneous:
  - i. Recognition of retiring member Art Whipple [Date]  
-Plaque arranged by Deb  
-Dinner at Nick's Thursday October 11 at 6:30 P.M.
  - ii. Mail: (a) NH Correctional Industries  
(b) Student Conservation Association: interns and work crews available  
-Deb excused herself from meeting.
- d. Other business as might arise.
  - i. Dam removal conference (November 5-7) that Paul would like to attend (water quality, erosion and various other implications) and requests a sponsorship. Steve to check for funding.

**6. Adjourn:** -motioned by Mike at 10:24 P.M. seconded by Steve vote: 6-0-0-2

Respectfully submitted by Michael Day, Secretary pro-tem