

Swanzy Conservation Commission  
Minutes  
August 17, 2010  
4:00 P.M. Town Hall

SCC in attendance: Michael Day (chair) Deb Crowder, Bob Godrich, Gary Coburn, Mike Morrison, Stephen Stepenuck (arrived 4:27).

Chairman Day called the meeting to order at 4:05 P.M.

1. Doug Betchel from The Nature Conservancy concerning Brown Farm. Mr. Betchel explained the history of their involvement concerning the property. The Nature Conservancy is applying for a grant from Aquatic Resource Mitigation (ARM) fund to contribute to the easement and as well as wetlands restoration and buffer enhancement in specific areas. Morrison motioned to support to project in letter to be signed by chair Day. Crowder seconded. Vote: all in favor 5-0-0.
2. Walter Weeks, a resident from Highland Circle who walks Honey Hill, requests permission to removed tree blow downs and obstructions on the town portion of Honey Hill trail. Day motions to permit Mr. Week to help maintain the trail. Goodrich seconds. Vote: all in favor 6-0-0.
3. Homestead Ave Wetlands. The SCC read a printout of an email from Jim Weston to DES reporting the possible violation.
4. Sewage or Septage smell in Ashuelot River. Goodrich also reports a friend who reported oil in the river. Morrison motions to support future testing by ARLAC up to \$100 for the investigation of possible contamination. Coburn seconds. 6-0-0.
5. Crowder suggested to move the SCC meeting to accommodate current members schedules. The SCC agreed that the first Mondays at 4:00 PM work well. Plan to start schedule in October.
6. Ash Swamp Brook / Mill K. Field Mowing: Day motions for SCC to write to BOS concerning mowing plan. Stepenuck seconds and volunteers to compose letter. Vote: all in favor 6-0-0.
7. Day motions to adjourn meeting at 6:30. Goodrich seconds. Vote: all in favor 6-0-0.

8. Homestead Ave. sitework in wetlands

**9. Sewage or Septage smell in Ashuelot River**

- a. Shall we fund tests?**

**10. Ash Swamp Brook/Mill K Field Mowings**

- a. What happened and next steps**

**11. Other business as may arise**

**12. Adjourn**