

Stream Team Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 4, 2010, 9:30 am

Attendees: Kelley Curran, Chuck Gullage and Barbara Wefing

GSWA Stream Team welcomed new member/volunteer Chuck Gullage to the meeting!

Minutes of the previous meeting held jointly with the S&T Committee on January 11, 2009 were distributed via email as well as at the meeting and approved.

Kelley discussed the comment letter that was sent to the NJDEP regarding their Draft Integrated Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment Methods document. The main comment was regarding the implementation of continuous monitoring methods to ascertain stream impairment.

The proposed Foote's Pond dredging project was discussed. Sediment sampling is planned to determine if contamination exists which would greatly affect disposal costs. GSWA currently monitors a site on Great Brook just downstream of the impoundment containing Foote's Pond which could potentially be affected by the dredging project.

Chuck introduced an online resource for aerial photos (www.historicaerials.com). The website provides free online access to historic and current aerial photography from the 1930's through today to detect changes in property. We queried the vicinity of Foote's Pond as an example.

GSWA's new School Water Monitoring on the Passaic (SWaMP) educational program was discussed. Chuck may be recruited to help coordinate associated tasks.

Upcoming programs and events were discussed. Chuck requested to be signed up for both the stream cleanup and visual stream assessment training. Chuck will be leading a new program for GSWA on star gazing right from the front lawn of our headquarters....we can't wait!

Kelley provided Barbara with the pertinent sections of the recent report on the Loantaka Brook Watershed prepared by Princeton Hydro for the Ten Towns Committee regarding the Parson's Village detention basin. This basin was identified as an ideal retrofit project to improve stormwater management and water quality performance. Barbara is planning to take this information to the Parson's Village homeowner's association as a resident of the community.

Chuck mentioned that he recently purchased a digital LCD microscope camera/video recorder. Should GSWA find use for this equipment, he would be happy to oblige!

The next meeting will be a joint meeting with the S&T Committee scheduled for Monday, March 8th at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Kelley Curran