

Stream Team Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 5, 2009, 9:00 am

Attendees: Joe Balwierczak, Laura Costello, Kelley Curran, Roger Edwards, Pete Miller, Frank Stillinger, Robin Timmons, Barbara Wefing

Guests: Beth Boisvert, Shandor Szalay (AKRF, Inc.)

Minutes of the previous meeting held January 8, 2009 were distributed via email as well as at the meeting and approved.

Frank offered to kick-off the draft of an article on the topic of stream restoration for inclusion in GSWA's spring newsletter issue.

Kelley informed the group that we are still waiting to hear from the Ten Towns Committee and/or their consultant (Princeton Hydro) regarding when/if the stream sampling will start up again under their watershed-wide program. There is money available in the TTC's EPA grant to purchase new automatic storm sampling equipment but apparently there is no money available to cover the associated analytical and consulting services. Roger and Robin requested that Kelley forward the TTC's quarterly water quality monitoring reports to them for review. A final report covering sampling activities under the EPA grant has not yet been received.

The Stream Team welcomed Shandor Szalay and Beth Boisvert from AKRF, Inc to our meeting this morning. GSWA is currently working with AKRF, Inc. to develop a Stream Restoration Plan for the Silver Brook Sub-watershed thanks to a nearly \$13,000 grant received from The Watershed Institute. Shandor gave an overview of the project and entertained several probing questions from the group. Discussion also followed concerning how the Stream Team volunteers will be an integral part of the project especially in regards to visual stream monitoring and landowner contact. Following the meeting, Kelley, Frank, Shandor, and Beth planned to head out to conduct a 'windshield survey' of the Silver Brook and its tributary streams.

Upcoming GSWA programs not to be missed include:

- Sunday, February 8: Moonlight Nature Hike 6:00-7:30pm (Jockey Hollow Visitor Center)
- Wednesday, February 25: Citizen Advocacy Program 7:00pm (Bernardsville Library)
- Tuesday, March 10: Breakfast Briefing @ GSWA (CoCoRaHS Network – precipitation monitoring)

It was decided that **all subsequent Stream Team meetings will start at 9:30am as opposed to 9:00am.**

Kelley announced that in lieu of the March Stream Team meeting, a field trip has been arranged. Those who are interested are invited to attend a tour of the Passaic Valley Water Commission's water treatment plant in Little Falls. The tour is scheduled for Thursday, March 5th at 10:00am. Additional details to follow via email.

Respectfully submitted by:
Kelley Curran