

Stream Team Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, May 7, 2009, 9:30 am

Attendees: Joe Balwierczak, Laura Costello, Kelley Curran, Roger Edwards, Eugene Fox, Dave Henderson, Frank Stillinger and Barbara Wefing

Minutes of the previous meeting held April 4, 2009 were distributed via email as well as at the meeting and approved.

The Stream Team is planning to participate in GSWA's BioBlitz event by collecting in-situ water quality data from Great Brook within the NWR boundaries. Data will be collected from the stream where it crosses Pleasant Plains Road between the Friend's of the Great Swamp headquarters and the new NWR headquarters site. There is a parking area near this site. A Horiba U-10 multi-parameter water quality meter will be used as well as other hand held meters. This data will supplement species data collected by the other scientists during their 24-hour survey.

Kelley asked volunteers to fill out a Volunteer Profile Form if they have not already done so. This information is extremely valuable and will be entered into our new Volunteer Database currently managed by Laura, our Volunteer Coordinator.

Kelley asked attendees their opinion on volunteer identification while out conducting stream monitoring activities. Ideas included: hats, t-shirts, and lanyards that hold ID cards in addition to the laminated sign already used in car windows. Kelley will look into this further.

GSWA's Volunteer Appreciation dinner is scheduled for Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30 pm. Families are welcome and encouraged to attend. It is the organization's way of saying Thank You to all of our dedicated and invaluable volunteers. Let's have a better showing from the Stream Team this year!!

Current and upcoming field work includes:

- Silver Brook visual stream assessments (April/May)
- Watershed-wide visual stream assessments (May/June)
- Loantaka Brook monitoring (Laura)
- Great Brook sampling (May 13<sup>th</sup>)

Kelley reminded everyone of several exciting upcoming events including the Ten Towns Bike Tour (May 9), GSWA Breakfast Briefing on Composting (May 12), BioBlitz 2009 (May 15-16), Dr. Pollock's presentation to the Ten Towns Committee on the watershed macroinvertebrate survey results (May 27), and the Stream Cleanup event (June 6).

Following the business portion of the meeting, we studied the brand new watershed model that was purchased through grants from the Hyde & Watson Foundation and two local Garden Clubs. Everyone loved it and was interested in figuring out where they live on the model. Although the group was very keen as we found an inaccuracy on one of the road names!

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Kelley Curran