

Stream Team Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 10, 2008

Attendees: Bill Allen, Kelley Curran, Terry Dyben, Roger Edwards, Gene Fox and Frank Stillinger

Minutes of the previous meeting held December 6, 2007 were distributed and approved without amendment.

A viewing of several You Tube videos were presented. All agreed that it would be terrific for the GSWA to produce a similar video for broadcasting in this manner with the primary goal of public education/awareness and a secondary goal of gaining new members. The internet media venue is the way to go in this age of technology. Now to find the funding for it! Advertising for such a video could be handled through our newsletter, watershed alert messages, press releases, schools, and possibly Clearview Cinemas. Terry offered use of his video equipment and a script would need to be developed.

A short follow-up discussion was held on the environmental concerns of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) in sealcoat products. This will likely be a topic for an upcoming newsletter article. Roger offered to research USGS PAH sampling results for sites in the watershed and report back.

Everything is on schedule to relocate the comprehensive stream sampling program from Loantaka Brook to Great Brook although limited monitoring of Loantaka Brook will continue. Six sites have been chosen. Four will be the sites currently monitored by the Ten Towns Committee for macroinvertebrates, one will be just outside of our deer enclosure at our CMA and one will be on Harding Land Trust (HLT). Executive Director, Tina Bologna, granted access to the HLT site. Tina requested that we report findings to her following sampling. The first round of sampling is tentatively scheduled for Monday, February 4th. Roger and Terry volunteered to help.

Frank reported that he is continuing to keep an eye on the potential development and rezoning of a property just upstream of our CMA. Preliminary plans are to install artificial turf athletic fields, parking area, and restroom facilities. This development would have a direct impact on the water quality of Silver Brook, a headwaters stream of Great Brook.

Roger reported on the final round of Loantaka Brook sampling and summarized 3 full years worth of data. Graphs and tables were provided for discussion.

In lieu of a March meeting, a tour of the Woodland Sewage Treatment Plant has been arranged for Thursday, March 6th at 9:00 am.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 am.

Respectfully submitted by:
Kelley Curran