

Skaneateles Conservation Area Advisory Committee meeting agenda

Monday, February 16, 2015, 7 PM, Skaneateles Town Hall

- A. Dave Card, Marcellus Fire Chief, will discuss:
 - 1. Safety issues at the Conservation Area;
 - 2. The purchase of an off-road vehicle for accessing remote areas in rough terrain in places like the conservation area and Baltimore Woods;
 - 3. Naming trails and marking them with the name to give people a better idea of where they are in case of an emergency [would also help for maintenance purposes];
 - 4. Adding signs at kiosks to recommend that people carry cell phones and sign in;
 - 5. Brush burning at the conservation area [a question for Dave].
- B. ~~Sue Murphy, Parks D~~ Mary Sennett will discuss:
 - 1. What the Parks Department can do to help with the Fishing Derby;
 - 2. Having a Playday event at the Conservation Area;
 - 3. How would any changes in Parks Department involvement affect our budget (keeping in mind that the Highway Department will be doing brush-hogging and Phragmites removal that will also cost)?
- C. Other Fishing Derby plans
 - 1. Do we need tee-shirts, sponsors, etc?
 - 2. Is the fish population stable?
 - 3. What is the planned date?
 - 4. Can we get gravel to level around pavilion before the derby. Maybe Welch Allyn or other volunteers could help spread it out.
- D. Results of discussion with forester about Mabel Reynolds property tree harvesting.
- E. Results of discussions about land acquisition.
- F. Management plan:
 - 1. Greg McGee offered support for developing the plan;
 - 2. Two ESF students will be available to do internship to map the vegetation types;
 - 3. Any more volunteers to help with the plan?
 - 4. Any thoughts about what should go into the plan?
 - a. Vegetation type map(s);
 - b. Rules and regulations (since most affect the property condition);
 - c. Get inputs from the public (users of the property or potential users);
 - d. Ecological restoration plans (general, but emphasizing the importance, providing guidelines and suggestions, and allocating some funding if possible).
- G. Bird feeder discussion;
- H. HWA insectary discussion.
 - 1. Cornell likes our site except for the fact that it's not near any known infestations.
 - 2. CCE reps have offered to come here to discuss the project.
 - 3. But since this is not any ideal site for them, would we prefer that they look elsewhere?
- I. Any problems with the meeting night? Monday still seems best according to the email responses. Do we need a March meeting?