

# **Skaneateles Conservation Area Advisory Committee**

## ***Meeting Minutes for March 16, 2015***

### **Committee members present:**

N. Murray, D. Laxton, T. Brooks, R. Nonenmacher, R. Sykes, M. Zuber

### **Guests:**

- Jessi Lyons, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Onondaga County Team Coordinator
- Gene LaForte, Town of Skaneateles Parks Department
- Maria Norris, Skaneateles Journal
- Joe Whiting
- Diana Whiting

Meeting commenced at 7:00PM.

J. Lyons spent considerable time discussing the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (HWA) Insectary Considerations.

- Distribution of the Woolly Adelgid
- Development of insectaries
- Potential for dispersal of both the HWA and the control species
- Cultivation of prey
- Reproductive capability of the Adelgid. The HWA is a parthenogenetic species, meaning no males are required to reproduce making control much more difficult
- Pesticide control versus natural control

### **Fishing Derby**

- Parks department is assuming ownership of Derby
- SCA Advisory Committee will provide support
- Advertising of the derby was discussed as a way to improve participation

It was noted by Tom Brooks that the plexiglass covering the map at Guppy Falls has been spray painted over. Tom was successful in cleaning the paint off and will continue to clean the plexiglass

Moving to change trail markers from plastic discs to just paint. Trail markers are apparently being taken off the trees for some reason

D. Laxton broached harvesting timber. Benefits would be to allow regeneration of forest. Deer are keeping understory from regenerating.

Nancy Murray moved to adjourn meeting at 8:30PM

Seconded by Dave Laxton.

Meeting adjourned.