

**Village of Hainesville
Wetland, Open Space and Woodland Committee
May 5, 2011 Meeting Minutes**

Meeting opened at 7:05 pm at the village hall.

Attendees: Georgeann Duberstein, Trustee and committee chairperson, Gary Walkington, Trustee, Wally Kriese, Trustee, David Criz, George Duberstein, Tom Bergonzini, Mike Peterson, Mark Ehrenberg, Jim De Nomie, Barbara Jersey,

Minutes of the March 3rd meeting were read and approved as corrected.

Old Business: Update on the erosion project involving an area of land owned by Cranberry North Homeowners' Association. Jim Rock developed an easement document outlining the area of the project, indemnifying the association from any problems with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Once the document is signed by the appropriate board members, we will put it on the village board's agenda for approval.

Don Heiden, president of the Cranberry North Homeowners' Association told me that the board decided not to donate the 4 acres of woods to the village. They were going to find out what their landscapers would charge to restore the area. I gave them Dave Coulter's phone number and explained that woodland restoration was a very specialized skill and should not be handled by regular landscapers.

Clean up along the western edge of Cranberry Lake, where Elder Street ends is complete.

Dave Coulter and I walked the area along the path behind some of the homes facing Tall Oak Drive. It would be impractical to try to restore the areas between the grassy back yards and the path. Grass would continue to encroach, crowding out any wild flowers.

Dave Eubank will do the weeding at the 134 entrance to Cranberry Lake.

New Business: The Round Lake Area Park District did a great clean up job around the soccer fields at the end of Cranberry Lake Drive.

It was discussed that we put posts and chains at the end of the Round Lake Park streets that end at the Cranberry Lake Woodlands. It was also mentioned that we consider putting "No Dumping" signs at various places around the path.

The standing water in the Hainesville Meadow was discussed. We can not alter the flow of water out through the existing ditch by order of Storm Water Management.

New Oak trees will be planted along Tall Oak Drive, Centennial Drive and in Misty Hill East meadow and at Deer Point along 120.

We will be discussing the Phragmites patch at the southeast corner of the Cranberry Lake woodlands with Native Restoration Services.

The Village Clean Up is scheduled for Saturday, June 4th from 9-12. An article in the newsletter will indicate the various staging area. Information will also be on our website and Utube. Scouts and the high schools will be contacted for volunteers, as well as Adopt-A-Highway organizations.

Jim De Nomie mentioned that Hainesville could be a model for buckthorn abatement.

Our next meeting will be July 7th.
Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Georgeann Duberstein, chairman