

**Village of Hainesville
Wetland, Open Space and Woodland Committee
July 7, 2011 Meeting Minutes**

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

Attendees: Georgeann Duberstein, Trustee and committee chairperson, David Criz, George Duberstein

Minutes of the May 5th meeting were read and approved as amended.

Old Business: The documents have been approved and signed for the erosion project near Cranberry North Homeowners' Association. Work will begin shortly after Jeff returns from vacation.

Flowers were planted at the Deer Point entrance to replace those removed during the storm water drainage project earlier in the year.

As a result of Mike Peterson suggested that we beautify the village along Route 120, thirty-one shrubs have been planted along 120 in the former Phragmites patch. The shrubs include: American Filbert, Prairie Rose, River Birch, Black Chokecherry, and Variegated Dogwood. The summer public works crew is keeping them watered.

I will discuss the post chain and signage for the area of Cranberry Lake near Round Lake Park with Jeff and the mayor.

Regarding the encroachment of homeowners whose backyards face Cranberry Lake, the question was asked: What would happen if the homeowners just stopped mowing the woodlands that don't really belong to them? Would the area restore itself? Those questions will be asked of Dave Coulter.

New Business: Various maintenance projects are underway. Algae control has begun in various village ponds. Sandbar willows have been removed at Misty Hill East meadow.

Jeff had his crew work on weed removal at the entrance at 134. Dave Coulter and his staff will rototill, herbicide and mulch the area. Then various native flowers will be planted there and at other entrances where plants need to fill in.

Problems around Cranberry Lake: Buckthorn resprouts need attention. Doggy droppings and trash containers are needed around the Cranberry Lake path.

I walked the wood chip path around Cranberry Lake with a botanist of Native Restoration Services. He pointed out many native flowers that have germinated there.

A request was made to check with Round Lake Area Park District for an update on their plans for the park along Cranberry Lake Drive.

The vendors working with Grower will not donate fountains to us. Grower has agreed to install them at no charge if we put a sign acknowledging them. There is no money in the budget for fountains this year.

Our next meeting will be September 8th.
Meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Georgeann Duberstein, chairman