

The Chicopee River Watershed Council's

Monthly Meeting

February 03, 2005

Meeting Called to order:

Called to order by: Rick D. (Vice Chairman)

Time: 7:15 PM

Place: The Indian Orchard Partnership Office 145 Main St. Indian Orchard

Members Present:

Rick Dunderdale: Vice Chairman & Secretary:

Tony Zupkowski: (active member)

Guest Present:

Fred Andrews

Ken Askew 95 Elliot St. Springfield, MA 01105

Mike Russell Jr.

Massachusetts Community Water Watch/MASSPIRG

Melissa Warmer

Massachusetts Community Water Watch/MASSPIRG

Minutes Review:

Due to the lack of members present the minutes review was tabled until next meeting.

Treasurer's report:

Due to the lack of members present the treasurer's report was tabled until next meeting.

Old Business

Due to the lack of members present the old business was tabled until next meeting.

Guest's Agenda:

Due to the lack of members present we opened the floor to the Guest.

Melissa Warmer of Massachusetts Community Water Watch/MASSPIRG

Melissa wanted to update the Council on the success of the education out-reach program that the council funded in December 2004.

The program was a success as it reached out to over a thousand students in the surrounding area and the program is planning to reach out to 20 more classrooms.

Melissa stated that she would be happy to write a summary of the project to be published both in the Council's Newsletter and on the Council's web site

Ken Askew of 95 Elliot St. Springfield, MA 01105

Mr. Askew is interested in the history of the Chicopee River in the 17th Century. Mr. Askew asked if the Council has any photos and or writings of that time period. Mr. Askew was interested in what our overall impression of the river's characteristic during that time was.

Ken also proposed that the bridge connecting Ludlow and Indian Orchard have a small observation deck built in the middle of the bridge for foot traffic i.e. families. He suggested the foot traffic would stop and take in the river's beauty. Ken noted that this might be the right time because of the repairs that are being done on the bridge.

Ken put forward that the bridge should be dedicated to the veterans of both "Desert Storm" and "Operation Iraqi Freedom".

Mr. Askew had asked if the Council would back such proposal.

The Council response was that we do support ideas/projects that enhance the river in the public's mind and would support this one.

But we also are concerned that the time for such a proposal has past as that the bridge is nearly half done with repairs as of to date.

Mike Russell Jr.

Massachusetts Community Water Watch/MASSPIRG

Mike was there to update the Council on the pond and lake temperature study of the Springfield area.

Mike indicated that he had got one complete round of data before the weather became a considerable factor in his project. The lake had frozen over and thus bringing the safety of the ice into question. As that some times the ice is safe to walk on and other times not. Mike indicated that he is willing to resume the project as soon as it is safe.

Mike would like to return the equipment to the Council in May so as to finish the study.

In the meantime Mike is going to put his energies in to obtaining an earlier study based on the same bodies of water and data. This will give Mike time to analyze the old study's data and how it pertains to his study.

Mike also stated that the Turbidity Tester was not in the equipment that the Council lent him to do his study.

MAIL REVIEW:

Ralph S., the Council's treasurer has been mailing the Council's mail to Rick D. (secretary), there was nothing new?

In the future we may to explore a "Forwarding Order" with the Post Office to see the scope of that action and if it would fit our needs.

Meeting adjourned:

Tony Z. motions to adjourn.

Rick D. seconds, motion carried - 8:20 PM