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with Dana on this to determine if a public hearing is required.

Molly has agreed to lead the effort on planting trees by the Town Hall. She will work with Proctor and others to get this done. Susan Schnare volunteered her expertise in determining where the trees would be planted and the type of trees.

Natural Resources Inventory

We agreed that May 20 is a good date for Amanda Stone, who is the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension expert on NRIs.

Conservation Plan

Margaret Watkins or Digit Taylor can assist the Conservation Commission with figuring out the best recommendations. After May 20 we can decide if we need this assistance. Tina will review the UNH Cooperative Extension CD – the Importance of Hydroperiod in Wetland Assessment.

Cleanup Week

After some discussion we agreed to move forward and try this out this year. Jon Champagne offered to collect the blue bags along the roads during the week. We hope it will be successful so that we can make it a yearly event. Pat will coordinate with Molly and Dana.

Important Dates

April 26 beginning at 10:30 AM. Mountain Brook hike. Debbie Stanley might attend.

May 6 at 6:30 PM. Sandy Crystal's Wetlands Presentation. Planning Board members and Selectmen will be invited along with other area conservation commissions. Tina will tape the presentation for Channel 8.

Beacon Articles

Mary Anne will write an article detailing what a conservation easement is and is not, and one for the wetlands meeting.

Articles were written by Pat for Cleanup Week and by Molly for the Town Hall tree planting.

Action Items Update

View Group working on creating an overlay for protection of the ridgelines in Andover. Susan Schnare will re-convene the group. The overlay identifies the areas of town that are subject to the ordinances. See Guiding Principle #5 of the Master Plan. Tina and Sandra volunteered to continue on this committee.

Kim Hallquist is the Local Government Center's expert on Scenic Roads and is willing to meet with the Conservation Commission at the specific sites. Road Agent Jon Champagne will be invited to attend.

Jerry will mark the boundaries of the Bradley Lake lots owned by the Town during the summer.

May 13

Condensed from approved minutes

Present: Mary Anne Broshek, Tina Cotton, Sandra Graves, Nan Kaplan, Jerry Hersey, Molly Morgan

Treasurer's Report

Both the $4,000 and the $28,750 voted on in April were approved by the Selectmen. Tina will add allocations that are not yet spent to the next Treasurer's Report.

Correspondence

Copy of dredge and fill application for Rail Trail work and DES notice of administrative completeness for the project.

Letter from Ausbon Sargent Land Trust thanking Andover CC for the commitment of funding

DES notification of Public Hearing about culvert work done by sharp corner in East Andover.

Copy of letter from DOT to DES requesting waiver of 20-day waiting period after April 20 public hearing on culvert work by cemetery in East Andover. Request based on desire to complete work by Motorcycle Week.

Notice of Lakes Region Regional Planning commission Annual Meeting on June 23.

DES letter denying Souliotis project on Ice House Road.

Handouts

Information provided by Sandy Crystall at May 6 meeting: wetlands slide show, wetland permit flow chart, water bodies in Andover subject to Shoreland Protection Act

Updates

Tree Planting: Molly met with Susan Schnare to locate the trees and types of trees. Molly wrote the article for the *Beacon* which asked for donations. We have raised $200-plus so far. Conservation Commission members are encouraged to donate.

Molly has contacted Jane Slayton to involve the Environmental Service Club at the school. We have been offered apple trees, tulip trees, and pachysandra from Merrimack County Conservation Services. We may be able to get cheap bulbs in the fall. Molly will check with Dana to see about getting daffodil bulbs from New Hampshire the Beautiful.

Once Molly receives the soil test results, she will work on obtaining soil amendments. We have a volunteer arborist to help with planting. Molly will check with Dig Safe. Mary Anne will advise Susan of the help from the arborist.

The planting will take place May 26. Donation checks will be deposited to the Conservation Commission operating fund. Molly will make necessary purchases and get reimbursed.

Clean-Up Week: The day went well for a first start. There are still some blue bags to pick up. In discussing what was picked up during clean up, we found that most common items were Budweiser cans, chewing tobacco cans, and Basic cigarettes. Mary Anne will contact Pat regarding a follow-up article for the *Beacon*.

Suggestions for next year: Hand out gloves, start organizing earlier, keep at one week, figure out how better to coordinate bag pick up. Let Dana know where bags are that need to be picked up.

Master Plan

The Master Plan Committee has rewritten the Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) proposal to stress the provision of expertise in figuring out the best ways to meet the guiding principles. The following time line was provided to the LRPC.

May 31: Existing Land Use Maps

June 1: Master Plan Committee meets to review maps and methodology for verifying information.

June 15: Members complete verification of existing land use

June 15 to August 15: Future Land Use

August 15: Publish draft master plan for review by the residents in preparation for public meeting

September 15: Public Meeting

September 15 to November 15: Incorporate changes from public meeting into final draft for submittal to Planning Board.

The Master Plan Committee will work with the LRPC to complete this task, however it is the role of LRPC to describe to the Master Plan Committee what is needed and when.

Wetlands Meeting

The wetlands meeting was well attended. Sandy Crystall did an overview of wetlands requirements, why wetlands and buffers around them are important, the Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act, and how towns and DES can help each other. A question and answer session followed the presentation. See the article in the June issue of the *Beacon*.

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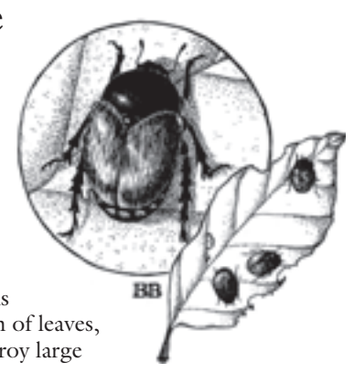
Notes From The Arborist

Japanese Beetle
(Popillia japonica)



Affected Species
Roses, Birches, Purple Plums, Cherry, and Dogwoods are favorites. Any plant with a succulent leaf is a potential target.

Symptoms & Damage
The adult beetle is a voracious feeder causing skeletonization of leaves, while the grub stage can destroy large areas of turf.

Treatment
Control is best achieved in the larval stage by treating turf with lawn care products. Adults can also be suppressed with repeated spray treatments. New natural nematode treatments are proving to be increasingly effective. Pheromone traps are not recommended – they attract more beetles than they kill.

Timing of Treatment
Late June – September

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