

Woodlands Management Committee Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2014

Attendees: Martha Dwyer-Bergman, Richard DeVenezia, Jerry Uhrig, Blair Bravo

American Chestnut Project

We submitted our annual Chestnut report this month. We currently have 31 surviving seedlings as the result of our first three years' effort. The seedlings are all too young to be showing any signs of the blight. We still have four seedlings to enclose in fencing. Soon we will have another season's seeds, 10 or 20, to plant.

Corporate Volunteer Work Project

At the end of August we had a group of five energetic volunteers from a local firm, Source One Technical Solutions of Bound Brook, New Jersey. In three hours, they cleared invasives from a dense, overgrown area in Halsey Fredericks Park and repaired a badly damaged deer exclosure. It was a pleasure to work with them. Source One does this type of volunteer work as part of their community outreach program. This is the second year in a row that we have had corporate volunteer groups helping with woodland projects in the Borough. Last year we had a group from AT&T. It would definitely be a help if we could find a way to continue such activities in the coming years.

Eagle Scout Project

This year we have another Boy Scout Eagle project restoring another of our Borough lots. This lot is on the Boulevard just north of Glen Road. After removing trash and invasive vegetation, the Scouts, led by Ethan Weiss, will plant native vegetation to include ostrich fern, summersweet, spicebush, redbud trees, sassafras trees, tulip poplar, oak, and hickory. So they will be starting another generation of four woodland layers, including herbal, shrub, understory, and canopy layer. They expect to finish planting in October. Maintenance, watering in particular, will continue as required.

Submitted September, 2014
Jerome L. Uhrig, Chairman
Woodlands Management Committee