

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
April 7, 2014 at 4:00 PM
Site Visit to Hole #13/Girl Brook Repairs

In attendance:

Members: Ed Chamberlain (Chair), Doug McIlroy, Peter Christie (Selectmen's Representative)
Jim Kennedy

Staff: Vicki Smith

Others: Tim McNamara, Roy Schiff, Barbara McIlroy, Iain Sim

Roy Schiff reviewed the plans with the Commission and described just how the work would be performed. Tim McNamara thought that up-gradient development had impacted Girl Brook, but that expansion of the golf course and extreme rain events had tipped the balance and resulted in the eroded ravine.

Suggestions for the project included:

- Addressing the Garlic Mustard just behind the Police/Fire Station so that garlic mustard would not be spread through the golf course.
- Making sure the catch basins had sumps and could be easily inspected and cleaned out.
- Developing a maintenance protocol for the repair area including the catch basins.
- Providing more detail in the cross-sections so that the zones of stone and re-vegetation are clearly shown.
- Possibly re-routing the access path with the result that less trees are cut.

There was some discussion about keeping the golf course open during the construction with possible closure of one hole and careful passage of construction vehicles under the flight line of most golf balls.

There will be an archeologist surveying the site for cultural remains and a person surveying the area for Great Lobelia and Eastern Waterleaf.

The site visit was adjourned at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Vicki Smith