

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
SUDBURY PONDS AND WATERWAYS COMMITTEE

Date: December 19, 2006

Location: Flynn Building, Silva Conference Room (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

Present: Susan Crane, David Blohm, Michael Fee and Ted Klein

Absent: Joel Singer, Rich Davison, Mark Ensign

Guests: Rob Hershfield, Maureen Valente

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The meeting convened at 7:15 p.m.

Greetings. The Committee welcomed Rob Hershfield. Rob lives in the Willis Lake neighborhood and is interested in learning more about the Committee. He has professional expertise in the areas of software design and marketing.

Minutes Approval. The Committee reviewed and, upon motion duly made and seconded, voted unanimously to approve, with minor modifications, the minutes of the meeting held on November 27, 2006.

Intern Update. David Blohm discussed Mark Blohm's effort to create a preliminary map of Sudbury which divides the town into a series of watersheds. Mark has reviewed the various database layers available, and studied Concord's GIS web interface, which may serve as a model, or at least give insight into a web design that will make Sudbury's version meaningful and more accessible to the public. At this point Mark Blohm needs feedback from the Committee on next steps. Susan Crane suggested that Mark Blohm touch base with Mark Ensign regarding how to prioritize and integrate data layers that are available from the State. Ted Klein agreed to contact Concord regarding its user interface design and determine how we might effectively use it as a

model. Rob Hershfield agreed to review the project's progress and consult with Mark Blohm , Mark Ensign and Ted Klein on the next steps. Susan Crane commended Mark Blohm for his ~~to~~ excellent efforts to date.

Annual Report. The Committee reviewed and, upon motion duly made and seconded, voted unanimously to approve, with minor modifications, the Annual Report of the Ponds and Waterways Committee. Susan Crane agreed to revise the document accordingly and forward it to Rosemary Harvell, Town Clerk.

Town Manager. Maureen Valente jointed the meeting briefly, was introduced to new members, and thanked the Committee for its work.

Report on other Pond Groups. The Committee reviewed and discussed the most recent draft report on similar pond advocacy groups. The draft has been extensively discussed at prior meetings, and has been revised to reflect the various drafting comments of Committee members. The Committee discussed the conclusion paragraph, and crafted a revised version to reflect a more detailed summary of the Wayland group's activities. Michael Fee agreed to memorialize the redrafted conclusion paragraph, consistent with the group's comments, and circulate it by email. On a motion duly made and seconded, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the report, subject to modifications discussed at the meeting, and directed Susan Crane to submit the final report to the Board of Selectmen.

Army Corps Dam Removal Study. Susan Crane reported that she attended the Annual Meeting of the Hop Brook Protection Association and heard the presentation of David Pinkham, an EPA representative, regarding the agency's assessment of the Marlborough Easterly Wastewater Treatment Plan permitting process, and the ongoing

study undertaken by the Army Corps of Engineers regarding sediment remediation in the Hop Brook system. The Committee discussed the disadvantages and benefits of dam removal and agreed that further information and study was critical.

Susan Crane suggested that it would be appropriate to seek guidance from the Board of Selectmen on ways to learn more about the Army Corps study, its practical impact, and the bases for evaluating its anticipated recommendations. Members suggested that inviting Army Corps and DEP representatives to a joint meeting of the Board of Selectmen and PWC, or to a public forum at Goodnow Library, would be consistent with the PWC's charter directive to enhance public outreach and education on water quality issues. Michael Fee agreed to contact the Board of Selectmen and ask for a few minutes on their next agenda to discuss how best to proceed.

NPDES Permit Summary. Susan Crane presented, and the Committee discussed, her memorandum outlining the salient points of the Marlborough Easterly Wastewater Treatment Plant NPDES permit. Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was voted unanimously to post the memorandum on the Committee's website, it being noted that the dissemination of such information is consistent with the Committee's charter to enhance public education on water quality issues.

The Committee's next meeting is January 29. The first agenda item will be to formulate a plan to finalize the master plan. David Blohm and Susan Crane agreed to prepare an agenda and circulate it prior to the meeting in order to focus the discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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