

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
SUDBURY PONDS AND WATERWAYS COMMITTEE

Date: ~~June 18~~September 24, 2007  
Location: Flynn Building, ~~Silva Conference Room~~ (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)  
Present: ~~Susan Crane, David Blohm~~, Rob Hershfield, David Blohm, Mark Blohm,  
Susan Crane, Frank Lyons~~Ted Klein~~  
Absent: Michael Fee, Ted Pickering, Ted Klein ~~Richard Davison~~  
Guests: ~~John Dahlquist, Mark Blohm~~

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The meeting convened at 7:00 p.m.

Watershed maps. We initially discussed the watershed maps, with Mark Blohm  
present. We decided that only three maps should appear on our web site, all in pdf  
format with zooming capability:

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- 1) Watershed map, including all of the existing data layers with the exception  
of public/private. Changes to be made are to make all wetlands a  
consistent color (perhaps gray) and to include a legend that would identify  
the data layer sources, explain the nomenclature (watershed abbreviations,  
numbers for pond and letters for streams), and identify the topo lines and  
numbers as corresponding to elevation above sea level in feet; and ~~The~~  
~~committee discussed the interest of John Dahlquist in joining the PWC.~~  
~~There is still some question regarding the approved number of committee~~  
~~members. It is noted that according to the town website the PWC shall~~  
~~have seven voting members. One member shall be from the Planning~~

~~Board, one shall be from the Conservation Commission and one shall be from the Park and Recreation Commission. The remaining four members shall be resident-at-large positions.~~

~~— The minutes from May 30, 2007 were not available for review and approval.~~

~~— The committee discussed their experiences from the 2007 Riverfest events. Regarding the events hosted by PWC, the children's fishing derby held at Josephine Pond at Wayside Inn was ruled to be a success, while the Willis Lake paddle event had a very low turn out. An estimated thirty children participated in the fishing derby. The derby was managed on a \$25 donation from Home Depot (Marlborough) and a \$5 donation from committee member Ted Klein. The committee passed resolution for submitting official letters of thanks to the Wayside Inn and to Home Depot for their support of the fishing derby. To celebrate the success of the fishing derby and create support for future events, the committee proposes to run an article in the Town Crier. John Dahlquist and Rob Hershfield will provide photos of the derby to run along with the article. Ted Klein will draft a letter to the editor of the Town Crier as a backup in the event that the article may not be run.~~

~~— The committee discussed the annual meeting schedule for PWC. It is agreed that meetings will be held on the last Monday of each month, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.~~

- ~~—— Susan Crane reminded the committee that PWC will go before the Board of Selectmen on July 10, 2007 to discuss PWC's investigation into the operations of similar committees from other towns.~~
- ~~—— The committee shared opinions on Kevin Flander's GIS presentation from the previous meeting. The consensus of the committee is that Kevin Flander's system will be more user friendly than the Arc GIS system currently in use. There is also concern that the public will be reluctant to download the Arc software. The committee notes the need for review of the town's "Five Year GIS Plan" from Mark Thompson. Rob Hershfield will attempt to schedule a meeting with Mark Thompson and get a copy of the plan.~~
- ~~—— Mark Blohm presented the Intern Update, displaying a number of GIS overlays of the town. The current map overlays include street names, topographical lines, streams, ponds, buildings, wetlands, watersheds, parcels, and town lines. The committee requests that Mark provide detailed data source information for each overlay and a key identifying the source codes used on the maps. Mark will try to adjust some of the ponds for more accurate alignment with buildings and roads. Mark will create PDF versions of select map layers. Time permitting, Mark was also asked to look into the possibility of creating an Excel spreadsheet listing the waterbodies and to speak with Bill Place about creating a new layer identifying storm drain locations.~~

~~The committee recommends that PWC should manage a web page that provides access to these PDF maps for the public. The committee recognizes the need for broad disclaimers associated with the maps. Rob Hershfield volunteers to create a demo of the proposed web page. Rob will schedule a meeting with Mark Thompson to discuss this proposal. The committee spent time organizing six potential maps to be made public through the proposed web page. The committee agreed upon maps containing the following information:~~

	<u>We</u> <u>dis</u> <u>claimer</u> <u>s</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>
	Street Names	Town			X			X
	Topography	State		X			X	
	Streams	State	X	X	X	X	X	
	Buildings	Town						X
	Ponds	State	X	X	X	X	X	
	Wetlands	State				X	X	
	Watersheds	State	X	X		X	X	

	Parcels	Town			X			X
	Town Lines	Town	X	X	X	X	X	X

2) Public/private ownership designation, including all data layers with the exception of topo lines and watershed coloring; and

3) Topo/Hydro map, showing watersheds, surface water features (ponds, streams and wetlands) and topo lines – this is for the purpose of demonstrating water flow without the clutter of parcels and buildings.

Intern status. Mark believes he has approximately 15 hours remaining in grant funds. He will email us an accounting.

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Sudbury Day Festival. The report from Sudbury Day was that it was not very successful for the PWC due to logistical issues, such as weather, a delayed start, and a cramped booth/minimal visibility, due to our shared booth with ConCom under a single tent. With what we expect will be better organization next year, including a weather contingency plan, we would support continuing to attend.

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RSC Grant update: DPW will reproduce ten 3 x 5' color maps for us at no charge. We have a pending \$500 grant application to the Wild & Scenic River Stewardship Council for costs to mount the maps. Available grant funds total \$4,000, and seven grant applications collectively seek in excess of \$10,000 in funding. Decisions should be announced in about a month.

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Town Forum Report: Tomorrow night, the PWC has been requested to appear before the Selectmen to update them on our committee's progress. Rob and Susan will attend. We will focus on the maps, master plan and search for two new PWC members.

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Master Plan: Progress is being made. We still need to see first drafts from some committee members. Susan will check in with everyone.

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~~Proposed map names associated with the chart above:~~

- ~~1.Ponds and Waterways~~
- ~~2.Watershed~~
- ~~3.Navigation~~
- ~~4.Wetlands~~
- ~~5.Water Flow~~
- ~~6.Parcels~~

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~~The committee discussed the PWC Master Plan. Previously, members were assigned watershed regions and asked to write summary reports on each region. The committee reviewed some of the reports. Thus far everyone is preparing the reports according to their own style with the intention that the group will edit each report together for insertion into the PWC Master Plan. The committee decided that editing will be simplified if everyone will follow a basic summary outline as follows:~~

- ~~1.Overview~~
- ~~2.History~~
- ~~3.Water Bodies~~
  - ~~a.Inventory (include wetland significance—see I.E.P. report)~~
  - ~~b.Water flow~~
  - ~~c.Water quality issues~~
  - ~~d.Recreation~~
  - ~~e.Recommendations~~
- ~~4.Overall Summary for the Watershed~~

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~~The committee assigns watershed region Pelham Watershed to Ted Klein. The  
committee assigns watershed region Great Meadows Watershed to John  
Dahlquist. The next draft of each watershed summary is due July 30<sup>th</sup> at the next  
meeting.~~

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Meeting adjourned at ~~9:15~~ 8:30 p.m.

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*Next meeting dates: October 29, 2007 and November 26, 2007.*

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