

Sudbury Ponds & Waterways Committee
April 3, 2008

Meeting Minutes [DRAFT]

Present: Dave Blohm, Susan Crane, Mike Dufault, Rob Hershfield, Frank Lyons

Absent: Michael Fee

Minutes from February 7th meeting approved.

Next meetings:

May 6, 2008

June 3, 2008

July 1, 2008

- Discussed potential topics for the next Town Crier article. Agreed that next article would be on environmentally friendly lawns and lawn care.
- Riverfest – Frank Lyons and Mike Dufault have organized a Riverfest event – Rubber Duck Race. The limit will be 100 ducks. We will need people to register contestants, dislodge ducks that become stuck, determine the winners and retrieve the ducks after the race. The event will be followed by a short talk about the history of the Grist Mill.
- Map Framing – David presented the map framing issues.

- Photos – It was suggested that we surround the map with a range of photos that include subjects such as frogs, plants, butterflies, turtles, birds, deer, Great Blue rookery and recreation.
 - Map Title and legend – Suggested title is “Watersheds of Sudbury”. Expand the legend and list watersheds by color. Make the town line darker.
 - Disclaimer – Add the disclaimer
- Army Corps of Engineers – Frank Lyons reported on the Army Corps of Engineers presentation in early March of their Hop Brook Study.
 - Dredging is not recommended and the towns should decide.
 - If dredged, analysis of pond sediments indicates they would be useful for landfill, but not agriculture.
- RSC funding – Susan Crane presented the opportunity to apply for RSC funding. A discussion ensued re: possible projects. Rob Hershfield suggested a project on organic lawns. Rob had attended a program in Newton called “Ultimate Green Lawns” and proposes that we co-sponsor a similar presentation in Sudbury. Agreed to pursue Rob’s suggestion and possibly include other possible speakers from places such as Russell’s, etc.

- Master Plan – Rob reported on progress of Master Plan. He has developed a method for automatically compiling everyone's write-ups into a single document.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00pm.