

**DRAFT Sudbury Ponds & Waterways Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**April 28, 2009, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m., Goodnow Library**

**Attendees: Susan Crane, Chair; Alan Bascom; David Blohm; Michael Dufault; Steve (Gabe) Gabeler; Paul Greenspan; Robert Hershfield; Ted Klein; Frank Lyons; Mary Addonizio**

This special meeting was called to focus on the Master Plan. A few preliminary matters were discussed:

**Jody Kablack's Request on Behalf of the Community Preservation Committee**

Jody Kablack's email requesting information on behalf of the CPC about PWC's future planning efforts and goals will be put on the agenda for discussion at the 5/26/09 meeting.

**NDPES Permit Schedule Implementation**

Frank Lyons reported concerns about the delay in the NPDES permit schedule implementation for upgrading the Marlborough Easterly Wastewater Treatment Plan. This will be discussed at the 5/26/09 meeting.

**Presentation to the Selectmen**

Susan Crane and Mike Dufault left at 7:30 p.m. to attend the Selectmen's meeting to discuss the Eco-Friendly Lawn project. Lee Steppacher, River Stewardship Council (RSC), was also scheduled to present the small grants check for this project to the Selectmen. At John Drobinski's suggestion, made at a recent RSC meeting during which PWC members presented the Eco-Friendly Lawn project and the watershed map, Susan Crane will request that the Selectmen set up a revolving fund to hold funds raised for PWC expenses. She will take the opportunity to request seed funding of \$200.00.

**Master Plan**

Alan Bascom suggested moving the details in the Activities section to the Appendix. The Activity details will become Appendix 1. An introductory paragraph and a general descriptive paragraph will be put in the body of the report to address the Activities section. The table will remain in the body of the report. Rob Hershfield will do this.

Dave Blohm suggested that other committees read and comment on the Master Plan when it is complete. The Master Plan will be given to Con Com, Sudbury Park and Rec, Planning and the Community Preservation Committee. PWC liaisons (Alan Bascom, Mike Dufault and Ted Klein) to the first three of those committees, respectively, will give them the Master Plan along with specific questions about the Plan's accuracy, omissions, etc. Those committees will be requested to read and comment on the plan within 45 days.

Paul Greenspan will write about the earth science classroom multi-media presentation for middle schools to include in the Master Plan.

Gabe will expand the introduction, (second paragraph), reorder the Appendices, put in placeholders, and add a more inclusive list of major ponds. (There was also mention of contacting Debbie Dineen about getting pond sizes.)

Frank Lyons will ask Debbie Dineen about the status of Hop Brook. (page 6)

The title “Significant Opportunities” will be removed. (page 11)

“Recreational Opportunities” on page 5 will be moved to page 11.

Dave, Paul, Alan, and Gabe will work on concluding paragraphs for the Master Plan. They will address:

- the positive results of PWC’s community involvement programs and educational efforts,
- how the committee will continue to identify and pursue more opportunities for education, outreach, and recreation to benefit the town, and
- how PWC appreciates its uniqueness and its ability to act creatively.

Gabe will reorganize the Master Plan and distribute copies via email periodically for review.

PWC members discussed whether or not to include an explicit five year plan in the Master Plan. Members also talked about the advisory capacity of the committee and how the PWC raises awareness through programs and education of important issues affecting town water ways. Committee members concluded that a concrete five year plan is probably not appropriate to include the Master Plan given the committee’s advisory function. Members also emphasized that the Master Plan is a living document, and will probably undergo many changes as different needs arise.

However, members felt that it is important to state PWC’s accomplishments in raising awareness of important environmental issues. PWC will continue to raise awareness of Sudbury’s ponds and waterways through assessment, educational, and outreach programs. It will also build upon what it has put in place, and will continue to identify new opportunities to engage the town. Members stated that future efforts will include more recreational activities.

Ted Klein suggested that the PWC organize the committee’s overall operations in terms of operational, tactical, and strategic activities, to show how the PWC develops and executes both its short- and long-term goals.

**Tentative Master Plan Meeting**

- PWC has scheduled a tentative meeting for **5/05/09 from 7:00 PM-9:00 PM.**  
**The meeting place will be announced in an email.**

**Next Meeting Dates**

- Tuesday, 5/05/09 (tentative for Master Plan)
- Tuesday, 5/26/09
- Thursday, 6/18/09

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 pm