

Sudbury Ponds & Waterways Committee Meeting Minutes
April 27, 2011, 7:15-9:00 p.m., Flynn Building, 2nd Floor

Attendees: David Blohm, Mike Dufault, Steve Gabeler (Gabe), Chair; Rob Hershfield, Frank Lyons, Mary Addonizio

Administrative

The March minutes were revised to reflect that Steve (Gabe) Gabeler will make a brief statement about the Ponds and Waterways Committee (PWC) at the Annual Sudbury Town Meeting on May 2, 2011.

Membership Drive

Frank Lyons is in the process of becoming a full member of the PWC. He will download an application from the Town website.

Watershed Photo Inventories

We will use Google Earth to obtain photos needed to complete the Master Plan water body inventory and also resume photographing waterways in May.

Hop Brook Protection Association Annual (HBPA) Meeting

Frank spoke about the status of the upgrade of Marlborough's Easterly Wastewater Treatment Plant at the annual HBPA meeting on March 22. He will provide the PWC with some information that was handed out at the meeting.

PWC and HBPA Fourth Annual Duck Race

The fourth annual duck race will be held on Sunday, June 12, at 2 pm as part of the Sudbury Valley Trustees' Riverfest.

Sudbury Town Meeting

When Gabe talks at the next Town meeting on May 2, he will include PWC's unanimous endorsement of harvesting Carding Mill Pond to rid it of water chestnuts.

Eco Friendly Lawn Program

Mike Dufault emailed participants Eco Friendly Lawn Program to remind them to post their signs. He also asked if any participants would be interested in joining the committee.

Wild and Scenic Rivers Riverfest

Riverfest will be on June 11-12. The PWC and HBPA will co-sponsor its Fourth Annual Rubber Duck Race at the Wayside Inn on **June 12 at 2:00 pm**. We will contact Sudbury TV to inquire about an advertisement and to see if the race can be filmed.

Adopt a Pond

Mike suggested that we get in touch with the local scouting organizations to see if they may be interested in working with the PWC on potential Adopt a Pond projects. At the meeting, Rob Hershfield created a list of projects that may include:

- Choosing a public pond and describing how to access it
- Recording the date(s) visited and the weather conditions
- Describing water conditions (clear, murky, covered with algae/aquatic plants) and surroundings (clearing, beach, trash, etc.)
- Noting animals observed (birds, fish, turtles, etc.)
- Suggesting recreational activities people might enjoy
- Taking photos
- Presenting findings (5-10 minutes) to the PWC at one of our monthly meeting

Mike will send us some of the electives that the Cub Scouts can do to earn awards and we can refine some projects.

Next Meetings (2011, 7:15 pm), Flynn Building

May 24

June 14

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 pm