

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

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

Administrative

The February minutes were revised.

The Annual Report was amended to include a statement that we will be recruiting new members to the PWC. We have four openings for full members. Mike Dufault and Paul Greenspan requested to be associate members.

PWC members voted to make Steve "Gabe" Gabeler the chair of the PWC. David Blohm requested to step-down as co-chair.

Sudbury Website PWC

Rob Hershfield restored the Master Plan content to the PWC site.

Membership Drive

The PWC voted unanimously to ask Frank Lyons to become a full member and will make that recommendation to the Town Selectmen. Frank is now an associate member and has served and contributed greatly to the committee over the years. He will download an application from the website.

We will also post notices to drive PWC membership.

Web posting: Rob Hershfield

Sudbury Patch: Gabe

Town Crier: Nancy Hershfield

Annual Report: Mary Addonizio

Sudbury Cable TV: Mary

B'nai Torah: David

First Parish: Gabe

Liaising with other Sudbury committees

For now, PWC members will read the posted minutes of other committees to keep abreast of those committees' activities.

Watershed Photo Inventories

We will use Google Earth to obtain some of the photos needed to complete the Master Plan water body inventory.

Organization for the Assabet River (OAR)

Gabe spoke briefly about the work of the PWC at the OAR Sixth Biennial Roundtable on March 5th, at the Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge.

Hop Brook Protection Association Annual (HBPA) Meeting

Frank mentioned that annual HBPA meeting is on March 22, at 7:30 pm, at the Wayside Inn. He will present information from a recent public meeting at Marlborough City Hall about the status of the upgrade of Marlborough's Easterly Wastewater Treatment Plant.

In addition, there will be a video presentation depicting the Hop Brook Watershed's beauty. Caroline Hultin, a Curtis Middle School student, created the video.

Sudbury Town Meeting

Gabe will make a brief statement about the PWC at the next Annual Town Meeting on May 2, at 7:30 pm. He plans to state that the PWC unanimously supports harvesting of Carding Mill pond.

Eco Friendly Lawn Program

We will ask Mike Dufault to post the large Eco Friendly Lawn Program signs at the Fire Station and give lawn signs to interested participants in the town. We will also put a notice up in the Goodnow Library, and ask current participants to "spread the word," about the program.

Salt Removal from Storm Drains

It was mentioned that the state is responsible for snow removal on Route 20 and that higher levels of salt are used on Rte. 20 compared with the amount used by Sudbury for its snow removal. Dave will ask Debbie Dineen what kinds of filters are use to remove salt from the water that enters storm drains. How the salt is removed may be the subject of a future article for the Town Crier.

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

April 26

May 24

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 pm