

Sudbury Ponds & Waterways Committee Meeting Minutes
May 25, 2011, 7:15-9:00 p.m., Flynn Building, 2nd Floor

Attendees: Alan Bascom, Steve Gabeler (Gabe), Chair; Rob Hershfield, Frank Lyons, Mary Addonizio

Administrative

Steve (Gabe) Gabeler made a brief statement about the Ponds and Waterways Committee (PWC) at the Annual Sudbury Town Meeting on May 2, 2011. He and Frank Lyons also spoke about harvesting Carding Mill Pond to rid it of water chestnuts. The PWC unanimously endorsed harvesting.

Membership Drive

Frank Lyons applied for full membership with the PWC. The Selectmen will make a decision at the end of May. We have placed advertisements in the Town Crier and on cable television seeking news members. Applications can be downloaded at the Sudbury, MA 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 June.

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, Assabet and Concord Wild & Scenic River Stewardship Council's 10th annual Riverfest. The event will be listed on Sudbury Patch, and will be advertised on Sudbury cable TV and in the Town Crier, and at elementary and middle schools in Sudbury. It will also be filmed by Sudbury cable TV.

Potential programs for Sudbury Cable TV

Gabe will follow-up with Cliff McCann and Lynn Puorro regarding Cliff's inquiry about taping an Eco-Friendly Lawn program on Sudbury Cable TV. Gabe will also ask them about potentially videotaping the Carding Mill Pond harvesting. Frank stated that the harvesting will begin July 26 and run through August 11.

Inquiry about the terrestrial invasive species, bittersweet

A woman emailed the PWC to inquire about eradicating bittersweet. Frank spoke with her and Gabe also plans to contact her. (I didn't get her name.)

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. Frank will contact Lee Steppacher at the Sudbury Valley Trustees to obtain some brochures. We will contact Susan Crane and Mike Dufault to ask them to attend the duck race.

Links: The PWC will look into linking to the following websites

Sudbury Valley Trustees: <http://www.sudburyvalleytrustees.org/>

COLAP: <http://www.macolap.org/>

SWEET: (I don't see a web site, but Rebecca Chizzo is a contact *at 978-505-1301*.)

OARS: <http://www.oars3rivers.org/>

Adopt a Pond

The PWC will resume educational programs in the schools in the fall.

Carding Mill Pond Harvesting

We will talk to people at Sudbury cable TV about the possibility of filming the harvesting of Carding Mill pond.

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

June 14

Sept. 13

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40 pm