

**Sudbury Ponds & Waterways Committee (PWC) Meeting Minutes
July 16, 2012, 7:15-9:00 p.m., Flynn Building, 2nd Floor**

**Attendees: Alan Bascom, Rob Hershfield, Frank Lyons, Anne Slugg, Chair;
Mary Addonizio**

Administrative

The PWC minutes for June were approved.

All committee members must read and sign the recently updated packet regarding the Open Meeting Law. You may print the receipt, sign, and mail the original, or print the email, sign it, and mail it to the Town Clerk's office at 322 Concord Road.

PWC Membership Recruiting

Mary Addonizio contacted Sudbury Cable TV with some recruitment information for posting on the station. She will also follow up with the station.

Riverfest 2012 and Pullathon

The Rubber Duck Race was held on June 24th at 2 pm at the Grist Mill. About 42 kids registered and there were three winners. About 100 people showed up for the race.

The "pullathon" was held at Stearns Mill Pond from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM on that Saturday, and on Carding Mill Pond from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM on Sunday the 24th. About 40 volunteers participated in the Stearns pullathon, and 10 volunteers showed up for the Carding pullathon. Stearns had much more biomass to pull than Carding, and the effort made a big difference in both ponds. The PWC is extremely grateful for volunteers' participation. About 80-90 boatloads of biomass were collected.

In addition, the harvester was brought to Stearns and used for 9 days, and it made a big difference. Five students from the Youth Conservation Corps also helped tremendously in the effort.

In the future, the dam at Stearns Mill Pond may be manipulated to raise the water level, so the harvester can get biomass more effectively in the shallower areas.

Hop Brook Protection Association has a five-year permit for harvesting, with two years left.

The collected biomass is being quarantined pending testing. If it is "clean," it will be used as fertilizer. Samples are currently being tested by Geo Labs for lead, cadmium, arsenic, and mercury.

Marlborough Easterly Wastewater treatment Plant

Frank Lyons will ask Marlborough for the latest copy of their status report of the treatment plant update. The EPA requires updates every six months.

Master Plan

We plan to review elements of the plan that need to be updated. Former members may have information on placeholder, and Rob Hershfield will contact Gabe Gabeler and Dave Blohm to see if they may have those versions. The PWC will note what needs to get done and devote a few meetings to update the plan.

We will also ask the LSRHS Environmental Club if there is any interest in helping update the plan.

Education and Advocacy

Anne Slugg will send committee members some educational content from Curtis Middle School to review and use for some educational development projects. We also may be able to use some data from the biomass testing.

This fall, the PWC will ask the town Selectmen if they have any directives for the committee.

Next meetings: 7:15 pm Flynn Building

August 27

Sept. 18

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 pm