Sudbury Ponds & Waterways Committee (PWC) Meeting Minutes May 21, 2012 7:15-9:00 p.m., Flynn Building, 2nd Floor

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

Administrative

Anne Slugg is the chairman of the PWC.

<u>PWC and Hop Brook Protection Association (HBPA) Fourth Annual Duck Race Video</u>

Mary Addonizio will contact Lynn Puorro of Sudbury Cable Access TV to ask her if she may have instructions on how to put the Duck Race video, filmed by the cable station, on You Tube with a link to the PWC website page. The PWC is delighted with the video.

PWC Membership Recruiting

The PWC will recruit new members through the Town website and through the Sudbury Patch, Cable TV, and Town Crier. Anne will mention to the Sudbury Family Network that the PWC is looking for members. Mary will ask if Sudbury Cable TV can run an advertisement for potential members.

Riverfest 2012 and Pullathon

Riverfest is scheduled for June 23 and 24, 2012. The Duck Race will be held on the 24th at 2 pm. Rob Hershfield will contact Mike Dufault to see if he can participate. We will need a finish line, metal stakes, a hammer, a pool skimmer, a fence and finish line flags. Gabe and Frank Lyons will look into potential sponsorship for Duck Race prizes. The PWC can also use it as an opportunity to look for new members.

There will also be a "Pullathon" of water chestnuts at Carding Mill Pond on June 23 and 24, from 9am to 12 noon. Frank may be able to get a flat-bottom boat for the Pullathon. The Hop Brook Protection Agency (HBPA) will send out more information about the Pullathon. Ms. Susan Collins is the HBPA Harvest Coordinator. They are hoping to get six boats in each pond and to get prizes for winners, as this is a contest among towns involved in Riverfest. Volunteers will also need life jackets.

They will seek permission from Mike O'Connor to put the collected biomass on the east side of the Old Sudbury Garlic Farm on Dutton Road. (The field is on the northwest side of Carding Mill Pond).

Education and Advocacy

Anne Slugg will meet with two science teachers, Brent McDonald and Maggi Taurone, at the Curtis Middle School on May 22, to discuss potential project plans to engage students going forward with the PWC. Some ideas include: watershed identification and topography, and plant and animal identification, and human impact on water bodies. The activities will be developed during the summer.

Carding Mill Pond

Frank stated that harvesting will start on June 14 and run through July 3.

Master Plan

The PWC also hold a watershed photo contest, update the Master Plan, inform and update the town about known issues in the watershed, advise the Town Selectmen, and provide advocacy.

Next meetings

June 19, 2012, 7:15 pm Flynn Building July 16, 7:15 pm Flynn Building

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 pm