

**Sudbury Ponds & Waterways Committee (PWC) Meeting Minutes  
October 25, 2012, 7:15-9:00 p.m., Flynn Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

**Attendees: Alan Bascom, Frank Lyons, Diane Muffitt, Anne Slugg, Chair;  
Mary Addonizio**

**Administrative**

The September PWC minutes were approved.

**Sudbury Selectmen Meeting**

Anne Slugg and Diane Muffitt met with Sudbury Town Selectmen in September to see if the latter have any directives for the committee. John Drobinski, a Town Selectman, mentioned that he knew of a laboratory that could provide free water testing if needed.

**Membership Recruitment**

Mary Addonizio will contact the Sudbury Patch and the Sudbury Town Crier to recruit PWC members.

**Master Plan**

We reviewed plan elements for updating. For now, PWC will focus on completing Appendix 3.

**Education and Advocacy**

Anne Slugg and Frank Lyons met with the Lincoln Sudbury Regional High School Environmental Club to see if there was any interest in working with the PWC on the Master Plan and/or Adopt-A-Pond. She also inquired about having a student liaison to the PWC. There may be some interest in working with the PWC through the (Martin Luther King, Jr.) MLK Action Project volunteer program if PWC can offer relevant experience. Anne will follow-up to see if working on the Master Plan may qualify.

Diane plans to contact the Kris Scopinich, education manager at the Mass Audubon Society, to see if there is interest in working with the PWC. She also said that any collaboration with a local school program would have to line up closely with the core curriculum of that program. Diane also met with Bill Rand, environmental education coordinator, at the US and Wildlife Fisheries to explore potential collaboration regarding student activities with the PWC, and she will follow up with him.

Anne will get in touch with Debbie Dineen, Conservation Commission Coordinator, to see how the PWC can more effectively liaise with the Con Com.

**Carding Mill Pond**

Frank Lyons stated that the US Fisheries and Wildlife will receive \$230,000 from the Nyanza Superfund lawsuit. The money may be used to buy a second harvester.

They are looking at two potential suppliers and are interested in a harvester that also has a crane. They may also hire a 10-person crew to do some hand pulling of water chestnuts.

### **Stearns Mills Pond**

Frank said that the pond will probably be harvested next year. Hop Brook Protection Association (HBPA) is looking into raising the pond's level next year by about a foot to make it easier to harvest.

Frank mentioned that he will look into what the Sudbury Valley Trustees are doing in the "Desert Natural Area," to deal with invasive species.

### **Community Preservation Act**

Frank also stated that the HBPA is applying for Community Preservation Act funding for water chestnut harvesting. The application deadline is November 2, 2012.

### **Marlborough Easterly Wastewater Treatment Plant**

Marlborough is pushing out the schedule to reduce the amount of phosphorus in wastewater to 0.1 mg/liter.

### **Next meetings: 7:15 pm Flynn Building**

November 29, 2012

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm