

**Sudbury Ponds & Waterways Committee (PWC) Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2013, 7:15-9:00 p.m., Flynn Building, 2nd Floor**

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

Administrative

The PWC minutes for November were approved after minor corrections.

Master Plan

For now, PWC will focus on completing Appendix 3 and then compiling these files for Appendix 4.

Watershed Assignments

Appendix 3 sections for each watershed should have the following headings:

- Overview
- History
- Issues & Opportunities (this section can include Issues & Opportunities, Water Quality, and Wetland Significance)
- Recreation

The watershed assignments are:

Cutting and Wayside	Anne Slugg
Frost and Powder Mill	Rob Hershfield
Goodnow	Diane Muffitt
Great Meadows	Frank Lyons
Pelham Island	Mary Addonizio
Nobscot and Woodside	Alan Bascom

Outreach

Julia Khorana, Development Director from OARS, contacted Anne to ask her about how to gain greater visibility in the area. PWC can think of ideas to heighten visibility for both organizations. OARS is the Organization for the Assabet River and includes the Sudbury and Concord rivers.

Annual Report Summary for PWC

Anne will send the summary to the Board of Selectman.

Education and Advocacy

Diane Muffitt contacted Ms. Kris Scopinich, education manager at the Mass Audubon Society, to see if there is interest in working with the PWC.

The PWC will also contact Katrina Scheiner of the National Park Service to get information about NPS resources including resources information about NPS resources.

PWC will also work on maps and other information showing access to public waterways and refuges and what can be done recreationally at these places.

Anne is a member of the River Stewardship Council (RSC) and she mentioned that PWC may be able to work on programs with that organization. For example, the RSC is planning a hike with families with preschool children.

ConCom Liaison

Anne will get in touch with Debbie Dineen, Sudbury's Conservation Commission (ConCom) Coordinator, to see how the PWC can more effectively liaise with the Con Com. PWC may try to get on the ConCom's agenda.

MACOLAP Winter Workshop

Frank mentioned that the MACOLAP Winter Workshop will be held on January 26, 2013, at Student Center, Worcester State University, from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. (*Snow Date: Sunday, January 27*), The fee is \$30.00, and Anne will look into reimbursement for members interested in attending.

Stearns Mills Pond

Frank Lyons and Paul Nelissen met with Bill Place, Sudbury Public Works Director, to discuss raising the pond's water level by about a foot to make it easier to harvest. A metal plate may have to be put on top of the pond and black canvas at the bottom of the dam so water cannot leak through. Bill Place told Frank that DPW is willing to rebuild the dam pending inspection and approval by the ConCom. In the next month, Frank will contact Debbie Dineen to schedule an inspection.

Frank mentioned that ENSR performed sediment sampling of Carding Mill, Stearns Mill, and Grist Mill Ponds to support the Easterly Water Treatment plant upgrade in Marlborough, MA. Frank will bring in the report at the next meeting.

Map

Diane started working on the lake inventory and she stated that there are two G8s in the topomap. She relabeled them G8W (west), and G8E (east).

We will contact the ConCom and Sudbury Historical Society to see if they have maps we can use to locate public access ways to Sudbury waterways.

Riverfest

Riverfest will be held on June 22-23, 2013.

Next meetings: 7:15 pm Flynn Building

February 12, 2013

March 12, 2013

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm