

Sudbury Ponds & Waterways Committee Minutes
September 19, 2013 Meeting
7:30– 8:45 p.m.
Flynn Building, 2nd Floor

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

Administrative

August's meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

Updates

Harvester – The harvester broke in Stearns Mill Pond after harvesting 15 truckloads of duckweed, hydrodictyon, and water chestnuts. Frank Lyons will call Chris Wilson to see when the harvester can be removed using a crane.

PWC welcomes new members. We would be interested in getting people who are fishing enthusiasts to get their perspective about fishing in Sudbury.

Frank said that it may be possible to create a gravel ramp at Stearns Mill Pond so a crane will not be needed to remove a harvester.

Frank will speak with Jody Kablack, Planning and Community Development, about Community Preservation funding. The deadline for proposals is November 1, 2013.

Frank mentioned that if a Sudbury business district is created and a sewer system is implemented, water would be treated at Marlborough's water treatment facility. Current phosphorus limits are 0.1 mg/liter April through October, and 0.5 mg/liter November through March. With a potential increase in water volume, he may inquire about considering a year round phosphorus limit of 0.1 mg/liter year round.

Anne Slugg will contact John Drobinski, Sudbury Board of Selectmen, to inquire about types of water testing, what parameters can be measured, and how often tests can be done.

Activities

We will exhibit pictures at the Goodnow Library of waterways before and after harvesting to show the differences in appearance. However, there is a wait list extending to 2015. We are also making a pamphlet with updated information about Sudbury's public access ponds. We will look at fishing, boating, public access, trails, and other relevant information. We will start with the following ponds: Cutter (DM), Puffer (DM), Horse (AS, FL), Duck, Carding Mill (FL), Crystal (DM), and Willis (DM).

We may also work with Sudbury Cable TV to create short infomercials about Sudbury's waterways.

Meetings

The next PWC meetings will be:

Thursday, October 17, 2013 at 7:30 pm

Thursday, November 14, 2013 at 7:30 pm