

Sudbury Ponds & Waterways Committee Minutes
January 9, 2014 Meeting
7:30– 8:45 p.m.
Goodnow Library, 2nd Floor

Attendees: Diane Muffitt, Frank Lyons, Anne Slugg, Chair; Bess Armstrong, Conservation Committee Liaison; Mary Addonizio

Administrative

November's meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

The 2013 Annual Report was signed by members and submitted to the Sudbury Board of Selectmen.

Updates

Frank Lyons received a feasibility study done for Carding Mill Pond dredging; the cost of cleanup is estimated at ~ \$3.2 million. He emailed the study to PWC members. He said that the Hop Brook Protection Association will meet to decide how to proceed. The association may write a proposal to get money from the Community Preservation Fund. The HBPA may decide to purchase a used dredger and hire an experienced operator. In addition, the association may make part of the dredging process a project for students in the summer. Frank said that the town, as well as some local farmers, could use some of the dredged organic mass. Frank plans to talk to Bill Place, Director of Public Works, about potential town involvement.

Frank also will talk with Debbie Dineen, Conservation Commission Coordinator, about expanding harvesting of water chestnuts to Grist Mill Pond, among others next summer.

Activities

The PWC is updating information about Sudbury's public access ponds and rivers for a family friendly map for spring 2014. We are looking at fishing, boating, public access, trails, and other relevant information. Diane Muffitt will do a write up about Hop Brook and Anne Slugg will do one about the Sudbury River.

Diane spoke with Kris Scopinich, Education Director at Mass Audubon's Drumlin Farm Wildlife Sanctuary. Kris has funding for educational programs in Wayland from the NYANZA superfund. She has worked with Michal Mueller, seventh-grade science teacher at the Curtis Middle School, on projects. The PWC will discuss doing some educational projects with Mass Audubon and may also be a sponsor for the society.

Meetings

The next PWC meeting will be: Thursday, Feb. 13, 2014 @ 7:30 pm, Flynn Building, Thompson Room, second floor.