

Sudbury Ponds & Waterways Committee Minutes
March 13, 2014 Meeting
7:30– 8:45 p.m.
Flynn Building, 2nd Floor

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

Administrative

January's meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

Updates

Frank Lyons spoke with Debbie Dineen, Conservation Commission Coordinator, about expanding harvesting of water chestnuts to Grist Mill Pond, among others next summer. He said that Debbie Dineen mentioned possible dredging Duck Pond of silt. He said that the Hop Brook Protection Association (HBPA) 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.

He also mentioned that some dredging would take place in ponds over the Marlborough line and a dredge permit will be needed.

Since water bodies should be dredged upstream to downstream, at some point the HBPA may ask Debbie Dineen to contact Raytheon to see if the HBPA can gain access to Hager Pond on Raytheon's property to see if it needs dredging.

A dredging study may also be done for Grist Mill Pond and Stearns Mill Pond. Stearns Mill Pond and Carding Mill Pond will be harvested this summer.

Map

Anne Slugg will talk to different civic groups in town about Sudbury maps that exist, which the PWC may be able to use for 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.

Activities

Diane Muffitt spoke with Kris Scopinich, Education Director at Mass Audubon's Drumlin Farm Wildlife Sanctuary, about doing some educational projects with Mass Audubon and some of Sudbury's middle schools. The PWC may also be a sponsor for the society.

Riverfest

Riverfest is June 21-22. The pull-a-thon is June 21. The Duck Race is June 22.

Meetings

The next PWC meeting will be: Thursday, April 10, 2014 @ 7:30 pm, Flynn Building, Thompson Room, second floor.