

Sudbury Ponds & Waterways Committee Minutes
July 10, 2014 Meeting
7:30– 8:45 p.m.
Flynn Building, Thompson Room 2nd Floor

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

Administrative

June's meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

Riverfest

The Rubber Ducky race went well. For the next race, we will ask where people saw the advertisement. People also enjoyed the duck and turtle presentation from Mary Jacobson.

Pullathon

There were not as many people at the "pullathon" compared with last year. About 30 people showed up at Stearns Mill Pond. Fish & Wildlife provided eight canoes, which came in very handy.

Harvesting and Dredging

Sue Collins, advertising coordinator at Hop Brook Protection Association, (HBPA) contacted Frank Lyons regarding harvesting water chestnuts at Carding Mill Pond for July 21. Stearns Mill Pond is scheduled for two weeks after Carding. Amber Carr of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service will provide hand pullers a week before the harvester.

Frank mentioned that the HBPA is waiting for the final feasibility report for dredging Grist Mill Pond. It looks like it can be dry dredged. Permits will be needed. Frank will speak with Bill Place about the dredging. The PWC will try to take pictures before during and after dredging.

A question was raised about whether a permit is needed for hand pulling at the ponds.

Proposed Sewer Connection

The PWC will look into Sudbury's proposed sewer connection with Marlborough's easterly treatment plant, and what, if any, impact that decision may have on phosphorus levels.

Water Testing of Willis Pond

Diane Muffitt inquired about testing the water quality at Willis Pond, and will inquire about it with Debbie Dineen of the Sudbury Conservation Committee

Future Plans

We will look into doing an infomercial about Carding Mill and Stearns Mill Ponds.

Meetings

The next PWC meeting will be: Thursday, September 11, 2014 @ 7:30 pm, Flynn Building, Thompson Room, second floor.