

**Sudbury Ponds & Waterways Committee (PWC) Meeting Minutes
November 03, 2015, 7:30-9:00 p.m., Flynn Building, 2nd Floor**

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

Administrative

The September PWC minutes were approved.

Goodnow Library Exhibit

In October, the PWC exhibited photographs in the Goodnow Library depicting seasonal photos of Sudbury's ponds and waterways, before and after harvesting of invasive species. The committee also had information on efforts being employed to clean up certain waterbodies in town, and information and pictures of invasive plants. The waterbody pictures were located on the wall in back of the reserve book section for viewing. The PWC thanks Ms. Barbara Taskovitz for the generous use of her photos for the exhibit.

Pollution Information

Diane Muffitt will meet with Anthony Vuolo, of Boy Scout Troop 60 in Sudbury, on November 18, at the Goodnow Library to discuss pollution issues of Sudbury's ponds and waterways. He is wondering what kinds of pollution the ponds have, points of entry of different types of pollution, and its effects on the water systems.

Diane will look up the Massachusetts Waterways Protection Act for some background material.

Pond Harvesting Update

Frank Lyons mentioned that the Hop Brook Protection Association (HBPA) harvested Stearns Mill Pond, Carding Mill Pond, and Grist Mill Pond. Though the latter was done late in the season, it looked much improved after it was done. The water chestnuts were on the plants at the beginning of the Grist Mill Pond harvesting, but were missing the last few days of harvesting. The problem with water chestnuts not being on the plants is that it will not reduce the growth of water chestnuts next year.

The HBPA has commissioned Beals & Thomas to do a feasibility study of wet dredging Stearns Mill Pond. If possible, the HBPA would like to look into buying a used dredger and dredging the two ponds, as well as Carding Mill Pond. To do this, the HBPA would apply for Community Preservation Committee (CPC) funding. After using the dredger, the committee would sell it and return funds to the CPC.

**Next meeting: 7:30 pm Flynn Building
Tuesday, January 12, 2016**

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40 pm