

## **Sudbury Ponds & Waterways Committee (PWC) Meeting Minutes**

**October 11, 2016, 7:30-9:00 p.m.,**

**Flynn Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

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

### **Administrative**

The May PWC minutes were approved.

### **Pond Dredging**

Frank Lyons will contact Debbie Dineen, conservation coordinator of the Sudbury Conservation Committee, to find out when the new Department of Public Works (DPW) director will start. Scott Nix is the interim DPW director.

Anne Slugg mentioned that Mr. Bill Bois, chair of the Framingham Conservation Commission, spoke at the River Stewardship Council meeting in July about the possibility of Framingham dredging ponds. The Town filed a Notice of Intent for a three- to five-year plan to undertake pond dredging.

Frank will contact Bill Bois. There may be some synergies between the two towns in terms of dredging options and costs.

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### **Permitting for residents near waterways**

Diane Muffitt will also contact Debbie Dineen to see about PWC working with ConCom to educate townspeople about what they can and cannot do to their property in certain areas of the town, and what changes should be checked with ConCom for approval before beginning the project.

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### **Duck Race**

The Duck Race took place on June 19, at the Grist Mill. More than 20 children participated and prizes were awarded.

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### **Pond Dredging Meeting with the Conservation Commission (ConCom)**

The PWC, the HBPA, and a representative from Beals & Thomas met with the ConCom on June 6, at 7:30 pm, at the Department of Public Works Building on 275 Old Lancaster Road, to discuss wet dredging of Stearns Mill, Grist Mill, and Carding Mill Ponds. HBPA commissioned a feasibility study by Beals & Thomas to wet dredge these ponds. The ConCom voted on the record to support dredging, but realized that expense is an issue.

Dredging may alleviate the need to harvest for 20 years or more. Other advantages include getting fertile silt from the pond bottom, and ridding the ponds of plant roots and water chestnut seeds. Animal life will have to be carefully considered.

Frank mentioned that a Mud Sucker, a heavy-duty double diaphragm pump engineered for dewatering and dredging, may minimize damage.

**Next Meeting on 12/13/2016 in the Flynn Building at 7:30**

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40 pm