

**Sudbury Ponds and Waterways Committee (PWC) Meeting Minutes
September 06, 2018, 7:30-8:45p.m., Flynn Building, 2nd Floor**

Attendees: Diane Muffitt, Acting Chair; Mary Addonizio; Marjorie Keene; Mimi Chandler; Frank Lyons; Ursula Lyons

April 11, 2017 Minutes approved

We had a quorum of members who had attended the April 11, 2017 meeting and minutes from that meeting were approved.

August Meeting

Minutes for August 2018 were approved with amendments.

PWC Nominations

Marjorie Keene and Mimi Chandler were nominated for co-chairs of the PWC and Mary Addonizio was nominated as clerk. Elections will take place at the October meeting. Ursula Lyons was recommended to join the PWC.

Transfer of Hop Brook Protection Association to the Town

Ursula spoke with Melissa Murphy Rodrigues, Sudbury Town Manager, about formally transitioning the Hop Brook Protection Association (HBPA) to the Town of Sudbury. A meeting will take place on 9/26 for that transition. One hurdle that was mentioned at this meeting was that the town can physically help the ponds owned only by the town. For example, Grist Mill Pond is not owned by the town. There was talk about Sudbury potentially buying some acreage of Grist Mill, as Marjorie put it, the town would have, "some skin in the game," and could make physical alterations to the pond.

Potentially, PWC can help with management of HBPA. The committee will be in touch with Ms. Rodrigues to discuss possible scenarios.

Recruiting Members

In the past, the PWC has tried advertising with limited success. However, we may also consider using the HBPA mailing list as a recruitment tool, as well as compose a letter to the Town Crier.

PWC Mission Statement

At the request of the Sudbury Board of Selectmen, the committee decided on how to rewrite the PWC Mission Statement. Mimi is working on a draft of the Mission Statement to make it more clear and concise. We will vote on the rewrite in October and then send it to the Selectmen for approval or editing.

Harvesting

Stearns Mill Pond was harvested, and monitored by Ms. Sue Collins. The harvester was on site for two weeks.

Grants

The Sudbury Valley Trustees received a federal grant. The PWC will also get in touch with Debbie Dineen, Coordinator Sudbury Conservation Commission, to ask about possible grants the to which the PWC can apply.

Invasive species and/or overgrown native aquatic plants and algae

Mimi mentioned that the New England Wildflower Society offered a class in Whatley, MA on invasive water plants. Invasive and/or native overgrown species common in Sudbury waterways include: Water Chestnuts, Duckweed, *Elodea canadensis*, and *Hydrodictyon sp.*

Next meeting: 7:30 pm, Flynn Building

Oct. 11, 2018

Meeting Adjourned at 8:41 pm