

**Sudbury Ponds and Waterways Committee (PWC) Meeting Minutes
October 24, 2019, 7:30-8:40p.m., Flynn Building, 2nd Floor**

Attendees: Diane Muffitt; Marjorie Keene, Co-chair; Mimi Chandler, Co-chair; Mary Addonizio, Ursula Lyons; Richard Morse (liaison from the Conservation Commission)

September 2019 Minutes

The meeting minutes for September 12, 2019 were approved as revised.

Current Business

Marjorie Keene and Mimi Chandler met with Lori Capone, Coordinator, Conservation Commission. Marge and Mimi reported that a flyer was created about dog waste being put in catch basins by dog owners. This may be due to resident dog owners thinking that the waste is being treated downstream, though that is not the case, and the waste is a major pollutant. The basins are cleaned two times a year. About 50 bags of dog waste were collected.

Marjorie and Mimi asked Lori what the PWC can do to help the Conservation Commission. They also said that there is the possibility of the Conservation Commission using chemicals to treat invasive species in waterways. One issue, however, is that the demise of one invasive plant species may open up opportunities for proliferation of other invasive species.

The Hop Brook Protection Agency (HBPA) may also be open to using some chemicals to deter invasive species.

OARS (Organization for the Assabet River Sudbury and Concord Rivers), has classes about aquatic and invasive species. There is also information on the OARS website about invasive plants and animals.

Ursula Lyons said that Solitude, a lake and pond environmental consulting company, will examine plant life in Hop Brook and that the HBPA is seeking Sudbury Community Preservation Committee funding.

PWC Watershed Map

We located various water shed areas using the Sudbury water shed map. The map is in the Flynn Building room where the committee meets regularly.

Natural Resources Meeting in Lower Town Hall

The Master Plan Steering Committee will hold a natural resources, open space, and recreation meeting on October 29, 7:00-8:30pm. They hope to discuss an overview of what residents would like to see over the next two decades. Adam Duchesneau is the new director of town planning and community development.

Master Plan

We will review the PWC Master Plan to see what information we can glean, and disseminate to Sudbury residents.

<https://sudbury.ma.us/pwc/master-plan/>

https://s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com/cdn.sudbury.ma.us/wp-content/uploads/sites/333/2014/08/Appendix3-Watersheds_042213.pdf?version=91abe19918d4491fb5ca4156e0c15c41

There are overviews, histories, and issues and opportunities sections for most of the watersheds in the plan appendices.

There is no mention of water chestnuts in the Master Plan.

There is also a hydrology map at the PWC website.

We will inform Mr. William Schineller, Board of Selectmen member, of the next of the next meeting.

Next meeting: 7:30 pm, Flynn Building
November 21, 2019

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40pm