

**Sudbury Ponds and Waterways Committee (PWC) Meeting Minutes
November 21, 2019, 7:30-8:35p.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)

October 2019 Minutes

The meeting minutes for October 24, 2019 were approved.

Classes and other information about invasive plants

Mimi Chandler said that on December 12, 2019, Native Plant Trust, formerly the New England Wildflower Society, will have a webinar on aquatic plants. The cost is \$12 (member), and \$15 (non-member).

Ursula Lyons mentioned that Karen Riggert performed a shoreline survey of invasive plants, and also surveyed animal life around Sudbury waterways. In 1994, Marilyn Novak wrote a report detailing the natural history of the Hop Brook watershed.

The PWC will contact CISMA (Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area) to see if they may have any information or classes about aquatic invasives.

Ursula also stated that the Hop Brook Protection Agency has applied for Community Preservation Commission funds for eradication of invasives.

Richard Morse suggested that the PWC should pick a few local ponds each year to monitor their health.

Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE)

The Department of Public Works (DPW) has begun an Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination, (IDDE) inspections program to find and collect illicit discharges in the Town's storm drainage system. More information is on the town website at:

<https://sudbury.ma.us/dpw/2019/11/18/drainage-system-investigations/>

Hager Street Dam

Marjorie Keene mentioned that the Hager Street Dam is in need of repair, but that there is a question about who owns the dam.

The dam is considered a "high hazard," which, if it were to fail, may result in loss property.

Private Land Abutting Sudbury Ponds

In Sudbury, private land that abuts a pond can extend under the water to a certain amount of feet.

Master Plan

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

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

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Mimi looked over the Master Plan, and will contact William Schineller, Sudbury Board of Selectmen member, to let him know that we plan to update the Master Plan.

Next meeting: 7:30 pm, Flynn Building

January 16, 2020

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm