

## [MCF Draft 11/26/2007]

Meeting Minutes  
Sudbury Ponds & Waterways Committee  
August 27, 2007

Location: Flynn Building, Silva Conference Room (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

Present: Susan Crane, David Blohm, Rob Hershfield, Ted Pickering and Michael Fee

Guests: Frank Lyons

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The meeting convened at 7:00 p.m.

The minutes from the July, 2007 meeting were available for review and approved.

Membership: The group discussed the fact that Rich Davison has resigned and that there are currently two vacancies of the Committee. The Committee discussed focusing Sudbury Day activities on recruitment. The members discussed liaison with the L-S environmental club.

Sudbury Day: Susan Crane, Michael Fee and David Blohm agreed to meet on September 5 to plan for Sudbury Day.

Army Corps Update: Susan Crane contacted the US ACE and determined that the Corps does not plan to do a Total Maximum Daily Load Study. It appears that the ACE study focuses on sediment dredging and treatment, dam removal, dam breaching options.

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Frank Lyons spoke to his concerns regarding the US Army Corps meeting. Mr. Lyons spoke to David Pinkham (DEP) who indicated that DEP is in favor of dam removal. However, in Mr. Lyons' opinion, removal of the dam at Hager Pond will only serve to move stress down the Hop Brook system. Hager is currently absorbing forty (40%) percent of phosphorus loads generated from the Marlboro Easterly Wastewater Treatment Plant. Removing dams just transfers the problem, and destroys hundreds of acres of habitat. Dredging would not be effective, ACE says, because higher winter limits will cause dissolved phosphors to adhere to sediment. The situation requires close scrutiny and future comment by the Committee. Frank Lyons will attempt to procure the Assabet core study.

The Sudbury GIS: The Committee discussed Sudbury's GIS five year plan and overview. The Committee reviewed Sudbury's current GIS capabilities and discussed potential methods by which the Committee could contribute to and benefit from a comprehensive Sudbury GIS program.

Master Plan Update: Rob Hershfield previewed his draft of the Master Plan chapter for the Cutting watershed, and illustrated for the Committee the methods by which Google.com maps could be integrated into a interactive presentation.

The Committee assigned the following watershed documents:

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Woodside and Nobscott – Michael Fee

Goodnow – David Blohm

Pelham – Ted Klein

Frost Farm – Ted Pickering

Cutting and Powdermill – Rob Hershfield

Wayside – Susan Crane

Great Meadows – John Dalquist

The Committee continued to discuss the Master Plan strategy and structure, stressing the rubric of public education, recreation, access and remediation as focal points for discussion.

The Committee agreed to exchange drafts by September 16, 2007.

Grant Opportunities: Susan Crane discussed the potential grant monies available from the Stewardship Council. The Committee discussed potential projects and authorized Ms. Crane to proceed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.