

## **Sudbury Ponds & Waterways Committee Minutes (Draft)** **November 13, 2008**

**Attendees: Susan J. Crane, Alan Bascom, David Blohm, Michael Dufault, Steve Gabeler, Robert Hershfield, Frank Lyons, Mary Addonizio**

1. Administration

Reviewed and approved minutes (10/16/08)

Membership – liaison members

Mike Dufault contacted Park & Rec and was told that the committee's Director had resigned. Mike will contact a current member to introduce himself as the PWC liaison.

Alan Bascom is the liaison to Con Com and plans to attend that committee's meeting on 12/8/08.

Rivervisions 2008: SuAsCo will hold its 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Watershed Forum on December 6, 2008, from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm at Clock Tower Place in Maynard, MA.

The PWC draft for the Annual Report is due November 21. The draft was reviewed, and some updates will be made to it.

2. Updates

Publicity: Nancy Hershfield is writing an article about winter ponds for the Town Crier.

Dave Blohm and Paul Greenspan visited the Curtis Middle School to show Karen McCarthy, the science curriculum coordinator, the Sudbury Ponds & Waterways topo map of the town's watersheds and to discuss how best to use it as a teaching tool. Karen suggested that multiple laminated copies of the map be made for use in 6<sup>th</sup> grade science classes. This would allow students to draw on it with erasable markers, and make it a more interactive teaching tool.

Dave will look into the cost of laminating the maps and possible funding sources.

Karen McCarthy also mentioned that the map can help them to create a potential Adopt a Pond program for students. Dave mentioned the potential program to Deb Dineen of ConCom and she is interested.

Possible ideas for the Adopt a Pond program include: water sampling and analysis; and remediation of invasive plants, like water chestnuts. PWC members would work with students on these projects so that students conceptually understand what the tests and work entail.

Steve Gabeler (Gabe) talked about concerns that some Sudbury residents have with beavers. For example, a beaver dam is causing Crystal Lake to rise. He obtained relevant information from the [www.mass.gov](http://www.mass.gov) website about how to

mitigate beaver problems. This discussion led committee members to suggest that PWC have a Q&A section on its website to include links to relevant town and state government information.

Frank updated plans for the Hop Brook Pond remediation. T.J. Stevenson will help Bill Place of the DPW with a plan for dry dredging. The plan will be available in spring 2009.

Committee members suggested that Nancy write an article about the project.

3. Eco Friendly Lawn Project

Mike obtained a list of organic fertilizers from local nurseries. Members suggested that insoluble phosphorus be listed. Mike also presented a draft of the sign that will be posted on participants' lawns. He contacted the Sudbury Fire Stations to book the stations' larger signs to post information (Sept. 13, 2009) about the Eco Friendly Lawn sign deployment. He will also try to book the fire station signs for March 2009.

Mike mentioned that Parks and Grounds (part of DPW) takes care of the town's lawns.

He is also interested in contacting Green Landscape at the Dump (GLAD) because of that group's interest in using organic products for its experimental landscaping.

Susan distributed post cards that were picked up at a COLAP conference. The cards contain information that is useful for distribution to Sudbury residents.

4. The Master Plan is being restructured. (Rob, Dave, and Gabe plan to meet to work on the plan.)

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 pm

**Next meeting date:** Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2008, 7:00 p.m.