

**Sudbury Ponds and Waterways Committee (PWC) Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2018, 7:30-8:45p.m., Flynn Building, 2nd Floor**

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

September Minutes

Minutes for September 2018 were approved.

Co-Chairs and Clerk Elected

The PWC voted to elect Marjorie Keene and Mimi Chandler as co-chairs. Mary Addonizio was elected clerk.

Appointment Approved

Ursula Lyons has applied to join the PWC, and her application was approved. The Board of Selectmen will be emailed to inform them that Ursula Lyon's application is approved for appointment.

Annual Report: PWC Activities

Diane Muffitt reviewed the last Annual Report submitted by the PWC. Some of the accomplishments included education and outreach. For example, the PWC had a display at the Goodnow Library with fact sheets about invasive water plants. We hold an annual Rubber Ducky Race in June for Riverfest. We've also written articles for the Town Crier, visited a middle school, had an organic lawn care program for residents, and organized pullathons.

Staggered Appointments

Mimi Chandler will contact Selectman Patricia Brown, a liaison from the Sudbury Board of Selectmen to the PWC, to decide how membership to the PWC can be staggered. Since membership has changed, end dates are no longer staggered.

Transfer of Hop Brook Protection Association (HBPA)

The HBPA met with Ms. Kathy Winston, Board member and Treasure of the HBPA. The HBPA is not dissolved yet, and the HBPA wants to monitor what the Town of Sudbury does with Hop Brook in Sudbury. Melissa Murphy Rodrigues, the Town Manager, and Debbie Dineen, Conservation Coordinator of the Sudbury Conservation Commission, are on board with having the HBPA transition to the Town.

The HBPA also has some funds (~\$61,000) donated by its members through the years, which have been used for water body remediation purposes. These funds can be put in a town gift fund which stipulates the usage.

Harvesting & Dredging

Frank Lyons talked about dredging versus harvesting. He stated that Grist Mill Pond is not able to be dredged, because it is too shallow. Initially, it was thought

that since the town does not own Grist Mill Pond, it cannot freely dredge it. Plans were made to contact Lisa Vernegaard, Executive Director of the SVT, to see if land could be donated to allow dredging of that pond. Subsequently, we found out that the Town can harvest Grist Mill Pond under a "protection" or "preservation" clause.

Debbie Dineen thinks dredging is feasible from a physical standpoint, but dredging estimates, in the area of \$1million, are too expensive for the Town to pay. Though yearly pond harvesting is a band aid approach, it has been helpful.

For the next harvesting, we will contact younger people such as the Boy Scouts and high school students to see if some may be interested in participating.

PWC Mission Statement

Mimi Chandler worked on the draft of the PWC Mission Statement to make it more clear and concise. The PWC reviewed and voted to accept the changes and Mimi will send the mission statement to the Board of Selectmen for review.

New Business

We reviewed documents sent to us by the Board of Selectmen relating to the chairperson's and members' duties. It was noted that liaisons from the Sudbury Board of Selectmen to the PWC are the aforementioned Selectman Pat Brown, and Vice-Chairman Daniel E. Carty.

The PWC will develop a questionnaire for town residents to comment on ponds and streams near their homes or on their property, and we will ask residents for ideas and input on how the PWC can best serve Sudbury's needs. This can be done through the survey mechanism on the Town website.

Other Business

The PWC does not plan to present anything at the next Town Meeting

Next meeting: 7:30 pm, Flynn Building
Nov. 13, 2018

Meeting Adjourned at 8:48 pm