

**Sudbury Ponds and Waterways Committee (PWC) Meeting Minutes
April 04, 2019, 7:30-8:35p.m., Flynn Building, 2nd Floor**

Attendees: Diane Muffitt; Marjorie Keene, Co-chair; Mimi Chandler, Co-chair; Frank Lyons; Ursula Lyons; Mary Addonizio; Richard Morse, Conservation Commission Liaison

January 2019 Minutes

Minutes for February 28, 2019 were approved.

Current Business

Duck Race

The PWC will host the Rubber Ducky Race on June 23, at 1:30. PWC members who can attend are asked to be at the Grist Mill by 12:30 that day to set-up. The race is free; any child up to 12 years old may participate. Each duck race participant receives a numbered duck, and the entrant's name and duck number are recorded. A PWC member gets in the stream with a net, in back of the finish line, to announce the duck numbers and to retrieve the ducks. We ask race participants to return any ducks lent to them after the race. The first three ducks, supplied by the PWC, to cross the finish line win prizes. Ursula plans to ask a local vendor for prizes for the first three winners.

There are usually a few poison ivy patches near the stream where the rubber ducks are netted. Further, some very robust water snakes have been known to sun themselves on the rocks by the Grist Mill paddle wheel.

The status Hop Brook Protection Association (HBPA)

Ursula Lyons stated that the HBPA Board of Directors has asked for volunteers to join the HBPA to lead the organization. People who are interested are asked to attend the HBPA Annual Meeting on April 25, 7:30pm, in the Ford Room at the Wayside Inn. If new leaders are not named, the HBPA will look into dissolving.

PWC Watershed Map

The PWC will ask the Conservation Commission for an unframed map of the Sudbury Watersheds.

Future Business

PWC Voting Members

The PWC has six members, and according to the current PWC Mission Statement, dated Oct. 11, 2018, committee membership shall consist of five voting members. If the PWC wants more voting members on the committee, the Mission Statement will need to be revised to note the increase in voting members. Liaison members from other committees are non-voting.

Scouts Event for Harvesting Invasive Species

Marjorie Keene plans to contact local Boy Scout leaders to ask if any leaders would be interested in having scouts perform invasive species “pullathons” at a local pond(s). This would be a scout-sponsored event. The PWC will provide a list of invasive species, inform the scout leaders where the discarded invasive species can be placed, and inform the DPW for discarded invasive species pick-up.

Updating the Website and Creating a Questionnaire

The PWC will update the PWC website and place a message to welcome any potential new members.

The PWC will also discuss goals for creating a questionnaire for Sudbury residents. Among ideas are: looking at wildlife at ponds and waterbodies in local neighborhoods, and acting as a steward for nearby ponds. The PWC will get more information about what stewardship would entail. The questionnaire can be coordinated with Ms. Pat Brown, Sudbury Selectman.

Next meeting: 7:30 pm, Flynn Building
June 6, 2019

Meeting Adjourned at 8:35pm