

**Sudbury Ponds and Waterways Committee (PWC) Meeting Minutes  
January 16, 2020, 7:30p.m., Flynn Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

Attendees: Diane Muffitt; Marjorie Keene, Co-chair; Mimi Chandler, Co-chair; Mary Addonizio, Ursula Lyons; Richard Morse (liaison from the Conservation Commission), Jeff Winston, Hop Brook Protection Association (HBPA); Kathy Winston, HBPA

**November 2019 Minutes**

The meeting minutes for November 2019 were approved.

**Presentation about eradicating water chestnuts by HBPA members**

Jeff Winston, President, and Kathy Winston, Clerk/Treasurer, of the HBPA gave a Powerpoint presentation to the committee showing the impact water chestnut growth has on Sudbury ponds. The HBPA received a \$150,000 grant from the Community Preservation Commission for eradication of aquatic invasive species. HBPA members are considering using Clearcast, an herbicide, to kill water chestnuts. Harvesting has been done previously, but does not work as a long-term solution, and some town ponds cannot accommodate harvesting equipment.

Dr. Glen Pransky, a member of the HBPA, created a report outlining issues for herbicidal treatment. Clearcast herbicide is an aqueous formulation that can be diluted in water, and applied directly to water to control or suppress certain submerged aquatic vegetation. It can also be applied as a broadcast or spot spray to floating and emergent vegetation. Jeff stated that the Board of Selectmen supports using the herbicide to restore pond assets. Residents who own land that abuts Hop Brook pond areas also support this proposal. The PWC voted to support the HBPA in this matter. The HBPA plans to present the proposal to the Conservation Commission this month.

**Master Plan**

Marge Keene and Mimi Chandler met with Adam Duchesneau, Sudbury Town Planner, to discuss the PWC Master Plan. He suggested that some members try to attend Master Plan meetings to ensure that their goals

for the plan are elucidated and able to be met.

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

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**Member ending dates**

Mimi and Marge will contact William Schineller, Sudbury Board of Selectmen member, to let him know about the PWC members' ending dates, and if some dates may be changed.

**Next meeting: 7:30 pm, Flynn Building**  
**February 20, 2020**

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm