Sudbury Ponds & Waterways Committee (PWC) Meeting Minutes April 23, 2012 7:15-9:00 p.m., Flynn Building, 2nd Floor

Attendees: Alan Bascom, David Blohm, Steve Gabeler (Gabe), Chair; Rob Hershfield, Frank Lyons, Anne Slugg, Mary Addonizio

Administrative

Steve (Gabe) Gabeler and Dave Blohm elected not to renew their PWC memberships. Gabe also stepped down as PWC chair. The PWC members want to thank them sincerely for their service and leadership to the committee.

Anne Slugg was elected unanimously to succeed Gabe as PWC chairman. Gabe and Dave gave Anne information about past PWC meetings. Anne will contact Mary McCormack, Administrative Assistant to the Board, to find out about posting agendas and meeting dates.

Going forward, the PWC plans to engage Sudbury public schools, hold a watershed photo contest, update the Master Plan, inform and update the town about known issues in the watershed, advise the Town Selectmen, and provide advocacy.

<u>PWC and Hop Brook Protection Association (HBPA) Fourth Annual Duck Race Video</u>

Mary Addonizio gave the 2011 Duck Race video filmed by Sudbury Cable Access TV to Rob Hershfield who will look into putting it on You Tube with a link on the PWC web site page.

PWC Information on the Sudbury Town Website

Rob will find out how the PWC can update its committee information on the town's website. The PWC wants to recruit new members through the Town website and through the Sudbury Patch, Cable TV, and Town Crier.

Riverfest 2012

Riverfest is scheduled for June 23 and 24, 2012. The Duck Race will be held on the 24th at 2 pm. Rob will contact Mike Dufault to see if he can participate. Gabe and Frank Lyons will look into potential sponsorship for Duck Race prizes. The PWC can also use it as an opportunity to look for new members.

There will also be a "Pullathon" of water chestnuts at Carding Mill Pond on June 24, from 9am to 12 noon. Frank may be able to get a flat-bottom boat for the Pullathon.

Education and Advocacy

Anne Slugg contacted two Sudbury middle school teachers to inquire about the PWC working on some natural science programs regarding the Sudbury watershed. The teachers are interested and Anne will meet again with them in May. The PWC will put together some lesson plans/learning materials for the next academic year.

Paul Greenspan and Mike Dufault had expressed interest in working with the PWC in this area.

Master Plan

The PWC will continue to update the Master Plan. We can use Google Earth to locate some of Sudbury's waterways. We also discussed the possibility of approaching private landowners for access to take pictures of their waterways.

Marlborough Easterly Water Treatment Plant

Frank reported that the Marlborough Easterly Wastewater Treatment Plant is adhering to its schedule.

Next meetings

May 21, 2012, 7:15 pm Flynn Building June 19, 2012, 7:15 pm Flynn Building

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 pm