Sudbury Ponds & Waterways Committee (PWC) Meeting Minutes June 19, 2012, 7:15-9:00 p.m., Flynn Building, 2nd Floor

Attendees: Alan Bascom, Rob Hershfield, Frank Lyons, Anne Slugg, Chair; Mary Addonizio

Administrative

The PWC minutes for May were approved.

PWC Membership Recruiting

The PWC will recruit new members through the Town website and through the Sudbury Patch, Cable TV, and Town Crier. Anne Slugg will make a recruitment sign for display at the Duck Race. Mary Addonizio contacted Sudbury Cable TV with some recruitment information that can be posted on the station.

Riverfest 2012 and Pullathon

Riverfest is scheduled for June 23 and 24, 2012. The Duck Race will be held on the 24th at 2 pm. We will meet at 1:15 by the Grist Mill. Frank Lyons will pick up material at Rob Hershfield's house. He will also contact Mike Dufault to see if we can get the flags for the finish line, and the fencing to prevent ducks from flowing downstream. Anne indicated a neighbor may have some fencing she can borrow.

There will be a "pullathon" on Stearns Mill Pond from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Saturday and on Carding Mill Pond from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM on Sunday the 24th.

Carding Mill Pond

Frank stated that due to previously harvesting water chestnuts from Carding Mill Pond, it now has very few water chestnuts and can support wildlife. He plans to ask Debbie Dineen, Sudbury's Conservation Commission Coordinator, if the harvester can be moved to Stearns Mill Pond.

Education and Advocacy

Anne Slugg met with teachers at the Curtis Middle School in May to discuss potential project plans to engage students going forward with the PWC. Some ideas suggested the teachers include: graphing data, and discussing/creating energy pyramids and food webs; identifying area watersheds; and adopt-a-pond. Activities will be developed during the summer. They also have the watershed maps, which can be used as educational tools.

In the fall, we will contact other potential interested parties to promote education and awareness and also ask the Selectmen to see if they have any directives.

Next meetings: 7:15 pm Flynn Building

July 16 August 27 Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 pm