

Sturbridge Lake Advisory Committee  
FINAL MINUTES of  
Meeting held 07/21/11

1. Minutes from 05/19/11 Meeting

Minutes approved

2. Update Boaters Safety Course

Shoot for May time frame every year starting in May 2012. Could we promote SLAC and create maps of the lakes navigable areas.

3. Develop SOP and create Master Database for all of the years worth of data for Dave Mitchell's Water Quality survey. Goal is to create an overseer from SLAC to coordinate yearly testing and have each lake train people to actually do the testing.

- TESTING SOP: David is pulling together information from various agencies, states and groups and to create our own SOP for Sturbridge.
- David will be taking Leslie Wong out for a test run and Erin will make location maps to determine locations. This test run will work with Leslie to determine the ease with which an individual can run the tests.
- David has decided to "not" do the presentation of the materials this year as the patterns have not changed a great deal over the years and fewer people are attending the presentation.
- DATA: Is there a "database teaching curriculum at TRHS to see if we can work with them to get the data

4. Develop educational material explaining the Sturbridge Watersheds, Tributaries and Storm Water Drains and how they affect the Sturbridge Lakes. The focus will be on providing safer alternatives to eliminate water quality problems.

- Marita will champion this effort and bring in some examples for our next meeting. Create a standardized package for each lake to be handed out to each association with specific content to their lakes.
- Review websites from other states and lakes.
- BSA program to stencil "goes to lake" on storm drains.
- Dedicate time to this at next meeting

5. Boating Regulations: Create a uniformed listing of State Regulations, as well as, individual lake "suggestions". Provide the information to Residents and Guests of the Town of Sturbridge.

- Incorporate this into our Educational materials and include maps of each lake with "rules" particular to each lake.

6. TRHS Environmental Studies Group: Dave Mitchell will contact teachers at TRHS to judge their interest in developing a Lake Study program for the High Schools students.

- Re-Engage for 2012.
  - There is a group out of Nichols College that has been doing research for the Quinabog Watershed focusing on the rivers, but could we create a summer internship project/internship program for Sturbridge Lakes.
7. Collect data on current Weed Treatments for each lake and coordinate efforts to review funding.
  8. Old Business
  9. New Business

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM