Minutes of Wayland SWQC Meeting, 7 July, 2010

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Present: Toni Moores, Mike Lowery, Bob Goldsmith, Tom Largy, Lin Bradford (all WSWQC), Ted Fiust

- 1. The meeting came to order at 7:30 PM
- 2. There was no public comment.
- 3. Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted by a vote of 5-0.
- 4. North Pond. Mike and Lin reported that milfoil has returned to North Pond. Whether the presence is re-growth from old plants or pioneer plants from fragments transported from Middle Pond, or both, is unclear. DCR is conducting a pond survey of infestation which should be completed shortly. Mike will contact Tom Flannery (DCR) to schedule a program review meeting when the survey is completed.
- 5. Dudley Pond. Mike Lowery reported that the budget for hand pulling for the year has been substantially spent. About two-thirds of the pond area has been cleared. The root balls pulled recently have shown marked disintegration, indicating that the Triclypyr has been quite effective as a systemic herbicide.

Mike reported that a "green crud" has formed on the pond bottom, likely an algal bloom that rapidly turns to a powdery turbidity when disturbed. Mike will collect a sample for analysis. Mike will contact the BOH as this problem probably comes under their purview.

A discussion was held about ending the trailer ban in the TOW regulations during the normal pond use season. Mike will discuss with DPA and the committee will consider this issue at the next meeting. It was decided to re-vote what WSWQC's recommendation would be.

Toni discussed some preliminary work he is doing to develop a GIS overlay showing septic system locations for homes abutting the pond. He hopes to have this finished by the end of the summer,

No decision has been made on the proposal submitted to the State for \$50,000 funding to develop a TMDL for the pond.

- 6. Heard Pond. Tom reported a very low level of water chestnut density, much lower than what is in the Sudbury River. Tom expects 9 days of hand pulling by the harvesting contractor (Lycott) will suffice, and the total costs may come in under budget. We are getting to the point where hand pulling on an annual basis should suffice to maintain the pond.
- 7. The committee discussed the wisdom of posting executed supplier contracts on the internet, Mike agreed to see if the Town had any guidance about it.
- 8. The committee discussed what email content is subject to the open meeting law.
- 9. The committee voted 5-0 to adjourn at about 9:00 PM.