

Minutes of Wayland SWQC 11 January, 2012 Meeting

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Present: Toni Moores, Tom Largy, Bob Goldsmith, Lin Bradford, Mike Lowery (arrived a few minutes late from another meeting)

1. The meeting came to order at 7:30 PM. There was no public comment.
2. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved 4-0
3. Heard Pond.
 - a. Tom and Bob reviewed the meeting of the CISMA (Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area) Steering Committee they attended. . CISMA has 37 “project partners”, including the Wayland Conservation Commission. CISMA would be the manager of the recommended Nyanza Superfund Site funding of a 3-yr program (ca. \$1 million) to clear the Sudbury River and surrounding wetlands of invasive plants. The plants of concern are purple loosestrife and water chestnuts. WSQC was included for \$50K to “eradicate” water chestnuts in Heard Pond. Comments on the “Draft Restoration Plan” will be accepted by the Nyanza Trustee Council/DEP until January 23. Tom will draft a letter of support for the recommended program.
 - b. Bob will write a brief summary of WSQC’s activities for the CISMA newsletter.
4. Dudley Pond.
 - a. Mike will complete the draft of the required ConCom annual report for Dudley Pond management shortly.
 - b. Toni’s report for water column sampling and analysis was discussed at length, with a focus on trying to determine the role of nutrients in weed growth and whether phosphorus or nitrogen, or both, was the limiting nutrient. The presence of an unknown bottom-floating biomass was also discussed. While the pond’s quality, as determined by low milfoil presence after extensive hand pulling this year, low nutrient levels in the water column, and good clarity, the committee decided that we need to better understand the interplay between nutrient loads and sources and milfoil and algal growth. Toward this end, the committee voted 5-0 to ask Ken Wagner (as a consultant) to make a proposal to the committee to review our current data and assist us in develop a better understanding of the factors that are most important for controlling pond health.
5. North Pond.
 - a. Framingham ConCom voted unanimously for their commitment to a \$6,000 to a cost-shared program with DCR for 2012.
 - b. Mike has prepared and submitted a proposal for a DCR Partnership Grant application for 2012 for milfoil control in North Pond. The program would have cost shares of \$6K each from Framingham and Wayland and \$12K from DCR.
6. COLAP (Massachusetts Congress of Lake and Pond Associations) conference in Worcester on January 28th. The committee voted 5-0 to reimburse any member for expenses to attend the conference.
7. The committee voted 5-0 to adjourn at about 9:00 PM.