Minutes of Wayland SWQC 4 June, 2013 Meeting

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Present: Bob Goldsmith (chair), Lin Bradford, Mike Lowery, Tom Largy, Toni Moores (by telephone

- 1. The meeting came to order at 7:30 PM.
- 2. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved 5-0, by roll call vote
- 3. Public Comment. None
- 4. Dudley Pond (milfoil control)
 - a. Through the first week in June, almost 11,000 plants have been pulled. The pond is as "bad as it has been in five years" (Mike's comment).
 - b. DASH boat will be used in a portion of the pond to see if it reduces cost per plant removed.
 - c. RFP's for Triclopyr spot treatment will be received this week and a decision made next week as to contractor. Mike has (will) schedule a presentation to ConCom as soon as next Thursday, as their permission is required for application under the existing Order of Conditions. This is because the area to be treated (ca. 19 acres) is greater than 5 acres previously approved.
 - d. The recent high coliform count in a sample at Mansion Beach was discussed. The high reading may have been due to heavy rain two days previously and inflow of contaminated water. Mike will contact Nancy McShea and Tom Flannery (DCR) to inquire about counts at the Town and Lake Cochituate beaches. A repeat analysis will be conducted at Mansion Beach. (Data below)



e. In spite of the recent hot, sunny weather, no algal bloom has been observed.

- f. The recent good water clarity and moderate nutrient levels suggests that the nutrient uptake by milfoil may primarily be through the roots, as previously hypothesized and reported in published literature.
- g. Three invoices were approved by roll call vote, 5-0. Allison LeClair for \$1,850; Aquatic Vision (Ted Fiust) for \$1,480; and Lee Junkin for \$303.75. [Allison and Ted are the divers and Lee is the summer student marking plant location.]
- h. Tom initiated a discussion about how SWQC could achieve improved public access to the pond.
- 5. Heard Pond (water chestnut control).
 - a. Tom's recent survey found 20 small plants.
 - b. Lycott will survey in two weeks, and will pull when plants are "ripe".
 - c. Tom has been directed to send Lycott's invoice to Mass Audubon for payment using Nyanza Superfund Site remediation funds.
- 6. North Pond.(milfoil control)
 - a. Lin reported there is little collection of fragments on the collection net at Route 30. But, there is lots of milfoil in the pond, with many large plants. This indicates that milfoil is now established in the pond.
 - b. A meeting with a Lycott rep to decide on the 2013 campaign is needed urgently. Mike will call Tom Flannery (DCR) to try to schedule this meeting immediately, even if a Lycott rep cannot attend.
- 7. Next meeting will be next week to select contractor for spot treatment in Dudley Pond.
- 8. The committee voted 5-0 to adjourn at about 9:00 PM.