

NAME OF BOARD/COMM: Surface Water Quality Committee

FILED BY: Bob Goldsmith, Co-chairman

DATE OF MEETING: Tuesday September 1, 2015

TIME OF MEETING: 6:30 PM (scheduled)

PLACE OF MEETING: Mansion Beach, Dudley Pond

ATTENDING: Bob Goldsmith, Tom Largy, Mike Lowery, Toni Moores (by telephone, due to distance)

Lin and Joan Bradford, Tonya Largy, Kathy McIsaac, Doron Almog
(President of the Dudley Pond Association)

MINUTES

Before the meeting came to order, Mike Lowery took the committee members on his pontoon boat for a survey of weeds in Dudley Pond. A very high density of tapegrass and clasping leaf pondweed was evident. The density of Eurasian milfoil was sparse.

1. The meeting came to order at 6:43 PM
2. Minutes of the August 18, 2015 meeting were approved by roll call vote, 4-0
3. No public comment
4. Dudley Pond (Mike and Toni reporting)
 - a. The problem of tapegrass and clasping leaf pondweed was discussed. A motion to contract ACT for a survey and assessment of removal methods was approved 4-0 (roll call vote). Mike will draft a letter for Bob and Tom to review.
 - b. Mike will talk with Brian Monahan about a new NOI for dealing with these weed infestations.
 - c. Mansion Beach has been closed due to E. Coli levels exceeding the State approved level for swimming. The last two readings were acceptably low (<60 & 47 CFU/100ML), to be compared with the State limit of 235), and the pond will be reopened for swimming.
5. Sudbury River
 - a. Mike has asked DPW to evaluate the potential problem of creosote from boards on the Sherman's Bridge Road bridge over the river. There is a plan to resurface the bridge and for new boards this could be problematic.
6. Heard Pond (Tom reporting)
 - a. YTD water chestnut plants pulled are ca. 2,500 plants. This may be compared to 591 plants three years ago. This clearly is an infestation that can be expected to continue indefinitely. Fortunately, the number of plants found each year is sparse enough to permit control with a very modest cost hand pulling program.
 - b. Tom will try to get continued funding for this year's work, and three more years, from the Nyanza grant that has funded the last three years efforts.
7. Lake Cochituate.
 - a. DCR has now applied herbicide for portions of the lake other than North Pond, as permitted by Natick ConCom. Hand pulling was performed in North Pond. The Rec.

Dept. is happy with the work done at the Town beach.

8. Mill Pond (Tom reporting).
 - a. Tom agreed to write an article about the cleanup for The Crier.
 - b. Tom requested that funds for cleanup in the middle section of the pond be included in the FY16 budget.
9. Other
 - a. Next meeting date will be Sept. 15th. As Lin has not formally submitted his resignation, he will attend to make a quorum of three present.
 - b. Committee members are to submit their sections for the Annual report to Toni by September 15th. The SWQC portion of the Town's Annual Report is due at the end of the month.
 - c. The committee thanked Lin and Bob for their service on the committee as both are leaving. The board also discussed how to source qualified replacements.
10. Budget
 - a. Bob will ask Brian Keveny for funds remaining in the SWQC and DPA budgets.
 - b. Bob will draft a FY16 budget for review at the next meeting.
11. Invoices approved by 4-0 roll call vote: (a) ACT for Mill Pond hydroraking for \$5,600 and (b) C.W. Moores for \$608.90 for purchase of replacement components of the YSI meter.
12. Adjourned by a roll call vote of 4-0 at about 8:20 PM.