

Meeting Minutes for June 24, 2014

Present: Joanna Cummings, Roel Boumans, Bob Hyams, Mel Huff, Holly Sullivan

- I. May meeting minutes approved.
- II. Frogbit: Volunteering good, 1.5 weeks of work done so far
 - a. Town Farm Bay looks very different; the wetland does not seem to be overrun with frogbit. Not as much standing vegetation either. Frogbit needs still water to survive. The reason could be that the water level is very high this spring. Will see a comeback of the population in a low water year.
 - b. There are also many floating, large lily pad tubers. Is it from beavers feeding on the tubers?
 - c. Lots of carp in the wetland this spring. Could they be digging the tubers up?
 - d. Lewis Creek Association submitted a bill that was \$300 more than we approved.
- III. Subdivision: Joanna is attending planning commission meetings, and commenting on subdivision proposals.
- IV. Conservation Currents articles: Commissioners need to pay better attention to the article submission schedules.
 - a. We need to decide on topics for each month, ahead of time, to make it easier for commissioners to develop the article content.
 - b. A potential topic – write an article about Biofinder.
- V. Habitat map: Roel has been working on improvements to the Significant Habitat Map.
 - a. There is no data in the map database.
 - b. Are there sources of data we can use such as Biofinder?
 - c. We should do a winter workshop or presentation at town meeting about the habitat map.
 - d. Holly – we could do a project where people in town track animal movements.
- VI. Conservation commission workplan: continue workplan discussion at July meeting.