

HPWA Education Committee Agenda/Report

Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 – 3-5 PM

Location: Center Hill Preserve, 158 Center Hill Rd, Plymouth

Members attending: Teri, John, Phil, Beth, Lee

Frank Mand gave a brief welcome and overview of the meeting space and grounds. SEMPBA welcomes HPWA using the facility for meetings.

Topics Covered:

- a) Rising Tide Interns/Science Club & Sustainability Club – Meeting at Rising Tide Thursday, Feb 6 @ 1:45-3:00. Beth and Lee will attend to meet the two senior candidates. Subsequent meeting on Monday, Feb 10 Beth agreed to work with Tyler O’Neil and Brian agreed to work with Dante Sologaistoa.
- b) DMEA/NOAA/Wildlands Trust WFMD lecture series – Thursday, Feb 13 @ 6:30
<https://www.plymouth-ma.gov/marine-and-environmental-affairs/news/seven-part-lecture-series-migratory-fish> HPWA is hosting an info table and signup sheet to recruit herring counters for all five Plymouth runs. 6 have signed up so far, none for our run. Next lecture is Thursday, Feb 27 @ 6:30. Brad Chase: Rainbow smelt and eels.
- c) WAA Legislative Breakfast – Beacon Hill, Tuesday, March 31 – 9:45 – 1:00
<http://www.watershedaction.org/index.php/education/2020-legislative-breakfast>
Recommended that Phil attend planning meetings in Don’s place. Rising Tide interns encouraged to attend event and help. Powerpoint template for 5-minute slide show distributed by Sara Grady on Feb 21. Ramona is on it.
- d) 2020 Volunteer Herring Count – April 1 – May 31 (T-shirts, hoodie, wind breaker?)
Various options of imprinted gear were discussed. Deferred for further discussion with Ramona and Board. Ramona is recruiting counters via Facebook and at WFMD lectures.
- e) Herring Festival – Grist Mill, Saturday, April 25
HPWA will repeat our 2019 herring ladder and slide activity subject to rain cancellation. Teri and Lee have retained most all equipment and supplies required. Rising Tide’s Eco Club may be a source of volunteer help at the event, and volunteer counters from the five Plymouth runs will be invited and welcome to join us. Lee is making new osprey and eagle predators.
- f) HPWA Herring Crawl: map, route, brochure, transport, VIPs, narrators – Friday & Saturday, May 1&2
<https://www.routexl.com/f=44PCtbD5THa4> Lee is meeting with Kim Tower Wednesday, Feb 5. Kim is preparing a map of the five runs for use on the tour, WFMD, and for

tourism afterward (digital draft received Feb 20). Ramona is investigating transport cost options. Phil, Ramona, and Lee have driven the basic route. A 4-hr event including a box lunch at end is under consideration. Ken Reback (DMF ret), David Gould, Eric Hutchins (NOAA), Sara Grady, and Herman Wanningen (WFMD) are possible on-board route narrators. Wildlands Trust, Redbrook, and Grist Mill are potential start and end points. **Updates are provided in Ramona's subsequent *ad hoc* committee report.** Martha and Lee drove and further refined the route on Friday, Feb 21.

- g) Town Cleanup – Saturday, May 2. Anyone wishing to organize a neighborhood can request purple bags from Patrick Farah.
- h) WFMD 2020 – Friday & Saturday, May 15 & 16. DMEA is coordinating planning of numerous events both days. Plymouth 400 also kicks off on the 15th. WFMD founder Herman Wanningen from the Netherlands will be here April 27-May 19 to help preside. He may decide to lodge in our watershed.
- i) 2020 Camperships - Discussion favored recommending \$1000 to Camp Clark this year, based on past year experience.
- j) Milkweeds for Monarchs/Caterpillar Predation Protection – Teri is ready and willing to grow 200 seedlings this year. Also offering to provide a program to schools in Fall, pending interest.
- k) Website/Newsletter/Social Media – Beth is working toward launch of the new website. Loss of Patrice as active media czar should be addressed.
- l) Board Game/Puzzle – Proposed as potential educational and fund raising projects. Lee is interested in working these projects.
- m) New Chairperson – Lee would like to “step aside/back/away” as chairperson in June, after all the 2020 herring activities subside. Fresh ideas, directions, energy and efforts are best for the growth and future of HPWA.