

3/21/20 Programs and newsletter report

Since our program on Wampanoag Culture, history and environmental stewardship scheduled for 3/29 has been canceled and postponed indefinitely and we cannot schedule any programs until we have some indication when we may gather again I do not have much to report.

I think that we should plan to reschedule the Wampanoag program first when we are able to do so.

Don has contacted Megna, the UMASS Amherst graduate student he has been taking out on the pond to collect samples of zooplankton for her study of juvenile herring, to see if she might be able to do a presentation to our association on her PhD thesis work. She said she would be glad to do so at our August meeting.

I also had a positive response from Bill Keohan to speak on the importance of land preservation and possible future plans in our watershed.

I am not pursuing any of these programs until we have a better idea of when we can resume normal activities and gather together for programs.

I do not see a need for a **newsletter** right away, but will be ready to prepare one as we see fit this spring.

Perhaps as we are all less busy and staying home, some of you could write an article of interest to our members and fellow watershed residents: perhaps on a native mammal or bird; or planting natives to feed and encourage local birds, bees and butterflies; or identifying and getting rid of an invasive plant found in our watershed; or septic health. Any other ideas are welcome.

Let me know if you can write something.

Stay safe and healthy,

Geri