

Newsletter and Program Report 08.10.2020

Newsletter: The HPWA Summer 2020 newsletter was sent out via Constant Contact today, Monday, 8/10. I condensed the newsletter to 4 pages and sent to Martha to have copies made to send out to members for whom we do not have an email addresses. Thank you to Don, Jerry and Brian for excellent contributions to our newsletter. From the survey that was sent to our CC list last month (about 320 then) there were 66 responses, 95.4 percent reported they read the newsletter, the rest said they read it sometimes. This indicates that the newsletter is an excellent tool for educating our members and interested people. I have been trying to increase the educational articles, but could use some help with others also contributing. I plan to put another newsletter out in the fall.

Programs: I have set up two programs for the coming weeks partnering with the Wildlands Trust. With all the concern about the cyanobacteria bloom on GHP, I asked Hilary Snook who has been very helpful answering so many questions Don and I have posed to him if he could do a zoom presentation for us on cyanobacteria. He graciously agreed and I was able to convince Rachel at Wildlands to schedule the zoom program on August 20 at 7pm as this topic is of such interest right now. We also are co sponsoring another zoom program on Sept. 3 at 7pm on the Culture and History of the Herring Ponds Wampanoag tribe presented by Melissa Ferretti and Prof. Amy Den Ouden.

Beth Sobiloff contacted the National Marine Life Center in Buzzards Bay. Their director is willing to do a program for us, but at this time they still cannot allow us to visit for an indoor tour. So we decided to wait until later in the fall to see if we can schedule a program and tour, hopefully we can have a family friendly program then.

Respectfully submitted,
Geri Williams