

HERRING PONDS WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES JUNE 25, 2018

Submitted by Secretary, Margaret Burke

The meeting took place at Wildlands Trust, 675 Long Pond Road, Plymouth, MA. There were 61 people in attendance. The meeting was opened at 7:00 p.m. by Brian Harrington, President of the HPWA. Brian gave a brief overview of the HPWA and then introduced the chairman of the association's invasive committee, Jerry Levine. Jerry thanked those who advertised the event and then introduced the speaker for the evening, Michael Talbot. Jerry informed the group that Michael is a certified ecological restoration practitioner. He is also an arborist, horticulturist, a landscape designer and is certified in invasive plant management. He has also developed, taught and practiced ecological lawn and landscape care and native habitat restoration.

Michael spoke extensively about land based invasive species. He enumerated many species showing visuals of most of them. He indicated that bees and butterflies are also affected by invasive species. He spoke about ecological restoration and conservation landscaping and suggested that native plants be put back after the invasive species are removed. He spoke of mechanical management which would consist of mowing, cutting or burning. He also spoke of solarization where roots are removed after the species is covered for a period of time and the sun eventually kills it. This is not a very practical solution for many people. Michael emphasized that you never want to let the species go to seed. A species must be totally dead. There is also a chemical strategy using foliar treatment. A basal bark herbicide is applied to the stems and stumps directly on the bark. Michael answered many questions after his presentation.

The HPWA conducted a meeting after the presentation. Martha Sheldon, as a member of the nominating committee informed the HPWA group that the president and the treasurer's 2-year terms were up and Brian after 6 years as president was stepping down and not running again. Don Williams was nominated for president and John Foye, current treasurer, was nominated for the treasurer position. Since Don had been filling the VP position, it was proposed that Phil Angell fill that position for the remaining year if Don is elected. Martha asked if there were any other nominations and there being none a motion to accept the slate was made by Paul Muther and seconded by Dave Hoover and it carried by a verbal vote. Martha announced the slate would be voted on at the August 13th General Meeting at the New Testament Church and Butterflies of Cape Cod would make a presentation at that meeting. The group was reminded of the HPWA annual picnic to take place on August 4th at the Weston's bog with the rain date being August 5th.

Another guest, Ivan Mikolji, a river explorer and audio-visual artist from Venezuela was introduced. Ivan indicated he is also planning on having a presence in Plymouth and said that perhaps one of his projects involving freshwater natural aquariums could be brought to Plymouth and possibly featured at the Plymouth Library or another Plymouth venue. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Paul Muther and seconded by Jack Kedian and the motion passed and meeting was adjourned.