

HERRING PONDS WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEETING

MAY 19, 2019 MINUTES

Submitted by Secretary Margaret Burke

Don Williams, President of the HPWA, opened the meeting which was sponsored by the HPWA and the Wildlands Trust. There were approximately 70 attendees at the Wildlands Trust Barn facility. Don explained the mission of HPWA, touching on the goal of obtaining a watershed restoration management plan to find sources of pollution and remediation of the four remaining runoff sites in the Great Herring Pond Area. He also acknowledged the board members who were present.

He introduced Jerry Levine, Chairman of the HPWA Invasive Committee. Jerry gave a brief bio of the guest speaker, Michael Talbot, award-winning landscape designer and Certified Ecological Restoration Practitioner. The program, “Naturescaping your Yard” focused on landscaping with native plants. Michael spoke of great native plants that thrive in our area showing slides of many of them. He informed that many of these plants help protect surface and groundwater from pollution as well as provide improved wildlife and habitat for disappearing butterflies, birds, native bees and other pollinators and insects critical to the food supply.

After the program there was an opportunity for people to collect naturescaping information and sign up for e-mails on native plants. There was also a HPWA plant sale and milkweed plants were made available for planting to assist in the preservation of the Monarch Butterfly.