

HIDDEN LAKE

Aquatic Wildlife Management Sub Committee

Meeting Minutes 3.20.2024

Location: 23 Ledge Rd

Meeting called to order at 6:20 pm.

Committee Members Present:

Betty Barsevich
Karin Bullock
Keha Esposito
Mary-Beth Russo
Kerri Wilson

Associate Members Present:

Linda Lamitola
Mary Shea

Board Member oversight:

Jay Cassella (HLA Pres.)

AGENDA:

1. Wildlife Sightings

Peeper frogs, Blue Heron, Osprey, Kingfisher, Cormorant, various song birds including Blue Birds

2. Newsletter

Revival of the newsletter

⇒ Spring Newsletter—Blue Bird education (Mary Shea will work on the newsletter). She shared information about Blue Bird houses and nesting.

⇒ Possible topics for Summer Newsletter: frogs, light pollution, buffer zones

3. Status of Pollinator Gardens on Shore and West Shore Beaches

⇒ Both gardens need Spring clean-up-3/27 & 3/28

⇒ Increase milkweed plants, specifically Swamp milkweed

⇒ Cross reference bloom time calendar with plants already in the gardens to decide what more should be added

⇒ Make inventory of what is currently there

⇒ Need layer of mulch for both gardens

⇒ Container garden on West Shore needs new plants—native sedum will be planted since it is drought tolerant

⇒ Monitoring of East Shore Beach (Betty) to determine location and sun exposure for future garden

4. Miscellaneous Business

- Frog Watch USA

⇒ Register the lake with the Frog Watch

- ⇒ Frog Watch records types of frogs, breeding patterns, and increases and decreases in frog population
- Reinstall turtle crossing signs (May through July)
- Ideas for Summer Workshops
- ⇒ Blue Bird boxes
- ⇒ Check with Tiger about building Blue Bird boxes
- Discussion on moving the milkweed on the causeway
- ⇒ Concern about town cutting milkweed on the causeway when mowing is done. Decision was made to leave the milkweed and mark it. As well as trying to keep low growth on the causeway
- Members discussed coming up with an annual budget and a 5 year plan which would be presented to the BOG

Next meeting date: Tuesday, April 23, 2024