

SUASCO CISMA

Spring Meeting

March 13, 2012

Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge

2-5 pm

Present:

Amber Carr (USFWS), Libby Herland (USFWS), Alex Woodle (Groton Lakes Assoc), Arthur Prest (Groton Lakes Assoc), Matt Burn (Walden Woods Project), Barbara Volkle (Friends of Assabet NWR), George Papadopolous (USEPA), Bob Goldsmith (Wayland Surface Water Committee), Tom Largy (Wayland Surface Water Quality Committee), Jill and Dick Miller (Cochituate State Park Advisory Committee), Russ Cohen (MA DCR), Ron Gemma (Westford Conservation Trust), Steve Tobin (Carlisle Conservation Comm), David Mckinnon (Lincoln), Amy Green (Acton Con Com) Joan Deely (Polatin Ecol Services), Brian Monahan (Wayland ConCom) , Julie Richburg (TTOR, WLSP), M. John Dwyer (Maynard ConCom), Frank Lyons (Hop Brook Protection Assoc), Elizabeth Bagdonas (Bedford Conservation), Allan Fierce (Stow Conservation trust/OARS), Karen and Ron Riggert (Friends of Assabet River NWR), Lisa Loutrel (Carlisle LSC), Sylvia Willard (Carlisle Conservation), Tom Brownigg (Carlisle Conservation), Lori Capone (Concord Natural Resources), Annie Reid (WCLT), Sally Zeilinski (WCLT), Sharon Williams (WCLT), Freddie Gillespie (Southboro Open Land Foundation), Janet Anderson (WCLT), Bryan Connolly (Natural Heritage), Anna Wilkins (Lincoln Land Conservation Trust), Priscilla Ryder (Marlborough Conservation), Stephanie Wilsen (USDA/NRCS), Tom Arnold (Acton Conservation), Bill Brumback (New England Wildflower), Whit Beals (New England Forestry Fdtn), John Burns (New England Wild Flower Society), Dave Burke (Wetland Specialist), Karen Pelto (MA DEP), Thad Soulu (Chelmsford), Michele Grzenda (Weston Conservation), Lee Steppacher (National Park Service), Ted Elliman (New England Wild Flower Society).

Welcome and introduction of new members. Libby Herland, chair of the CISMA welcomed everyone to the spring meeting. The CISMA continues to grow in membership, and Libby introduced the newest members including the Westford Conservation Trust. There are now 37 members.

Libby announced that this meeting would be videotaped and will be made available on the CISMA-SUASCO.org website. She gave general instructions to ensure that the video was of good quality and speakers could be heard.

Panel Presentations and Discussion on Regulation, Use and Risk of Herbicides and Alternatives in the Management of Invasive Plant Species.

Panelists included:

Randy Prostack, UMASS Extension Weed Specialist. Randy spoke generally about the comparison of costs and effectiveness in use of conventional herbicides and alternative management techniques in control of invasive species.

Hatze Wijnja, MA Department of Agricultural Resources, Toxicologist. Dr. Hatze spoke on the potential human health risks from herbicides.

George Papadopoulos, Environmental Protection Agency, NPDES Permit Specialist. George spoke about the new NPDES pesticide general permit and how it will be implemented in Region 1.

To learn more about these topics and to hear the presentations, as well as question and answer, visit our website and download the video, WWW.CISMA-SUASCO.ORG.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.