

Wednesday, Oct. 7th TBWA Meeting Notes

- Updates from Jacquelyn Burmeister about City of Worcester initiatives
 - The overall water quality at Coes Reservoir was good when Jacquelyn conducted water sampling on Sept. 24.
 - The City has decided that there will be no drawdown at Coes Reservoir this winter. It is very difficult to maintain the proper water levels and the recent drawdowns have had little impact on the invasive species. The Sonar treatment has been more effective in controlling invasive plants.
 - Solitude conducted an aquatic vegetation survey of Coes Reservoir and will send a report to share their findings
 - Although the City was not awarded the Fisheries Grant, there are still many deliverables that would be valuable and don't cost much.
 - Jacquelyn is hoping to plan some events for next year in conjunction with people from TBWA, Indian Lake and Lake Quinsig watershed associations, such as fishing derbies and photography contests, to attract anglers and provide education and information about how water quality affects fish and fishing. These events could take place at any of the water bodies in the Tatnuck Brook watershed. If you're interested in helping, please let Jacquelyn know. (Of course, these will depend on the status of COVID19 next spring and summer.)
- Update on proposed Coes Reservoir boardwalk
 - The Conservation Commission postponed the discussion. It is currently scheduled to be discussed at the Nov. 16th meeting
- Updates from Cook's Pond Club and Friends of Patch Reservoir
 - Cook's Pond Club is concentrating on fundraising and education. They're waiting for the report about their summer treatments. They are looking into siltation issues at the inlet into the pond.
 - Patch Reservoir update – the Friends of Patch Reservoir successfully raised \$12k needed for the continuation of their treatments. The water chestnut treatment yielded positive results and they can now paddle through the northwest corner and can see Tatnuck Brook where it enters Patch. They had a cyanobacteria outbreak in July and another one recently that they decided to let die off on its own.
- TBWA brochure updates
 - Coes Reservoir resident Nicole O'Connell has volunteered to help with the brochure about TBWA that Pat has been working on. Members expressed their appreciation of Nicole's efforts and provided some suggestions for things to add.