

Warner's Pond Stewardship Committee Mission Statement and Goals

Mission Statement:

As an appointed subcommittee of the Concord Natural Resources Commission, and working in conjunction with the Concord Natural Resources Administrator, the mission of the Warner's Pond Stewardship Committee shall be:

- To protect, preserve, and enhance Warner's Pond and its adjacent wetlands and habitat through responsible management.
- To raise awareness of the unique character of this Great Pond within the community and its importance within and as a part of the Assabet River watershed.
- To promote and encourage active citizen stewardship of this pond in support of the management of the pond to enhance ecological health, increased opportunities for passive recreation (canoeing, bird watching, ice skating, fishing, etc.) by citizens, and the conservation goals of the Natural Resources Commission.

Goals of the Stewardship Committee

- **Stewardship** – promote active citizen participation and stewardship to contribute to the management of this natural resource through programs such as the Weed Watchers Program of the Massachusetts Dept. of Conservation and Recreation, and by support of management plan objectives adopted by the Natural Resources Commission.
- **Protection** – Preserve the pond to promote its natural resource and ecological values. Work to promote the pond's biodiversity and natural habitat values by assisting the Natural Resources Commission and its staff to reduce aquatic invasive species and maintain water flow through the pond.
- **Recreation** – Enhance recreational opportunities (canoeing, bird watching, ice skating, fishing, etc.)
- **Management Plan** – Assist the Natural Resources Commission and its staff in the development and implementation of a pond management plan.
- **Education** – Raise awareness of the pond and its special qualities and problems with the community stakeholders (citizens, town officials, state agencies, and business community) and conduct public outreach to various local organizations.
- **Funding** – Working with the Natural Resources Commission and its staff, pursue funding for the pond management through grants, partnering with other organizations, such as the Organization for the Assabet River (OAR), and seek other fund raising opportunities to be further identified.