



## Meeting with Plymouth Fire Department

Susanne Lucas and Linda Warren met with Plymouth Fire Department Deputy Chief Jerome Hart <Admin> and Deputy Chief Gregory Kane <Operations> on July 25 to discuss access to the Six Ponds for refilling fire trucks in the event of a fire.

This meeting was preceded by a meeting with MA DCR Fire Program Coordinator Alex Belote and MA DCR Fire Warden Michael Marquardt, after our reaching out to them as part of Six Ponds participation in the [FirewiseUSA](#) program. There was a suggestion that perhaps [“dry hydrants”](#) could be an option in our community since there is no town water accessible to our neighborhood. Dry hydrants have been installed in the Myles Standish State Forest; however, dry hydrants are very costly due to environmental impact studies and prone to vandalism that renders them useless. Belote and Marquardt suggested we speak with PFD to find out current plans in place by the Town in the event of fires – residential or wild.

In the event of a fire, we learned the Plymouth Fire Department will dispatch 3 fire truck water shuttles that each carry 1000 gallons of water. They work in a loop with one refilling with water while the others fight the fire. The Long Pond boat

ramp is the only pond location that has a strong enough platform, access, and water depth for these large trucks with 15' long hoses, each weighing approximately 30 tons. In addition to the boat ramp there are three water hydrants that are used to fight fires in our Six Ponds area. These are located on Lunn's Way in the Ponds of Plymouth neighborhood, Redbrook and the Pinehills communities. See map below.

For driveways with limited access the Fire Station has smaller brush-breaker trucks that can negotiate narrow dirt roads. These carry 2,000 feet of hose which use the larger trucks for water and can carry 650 gallons of water.

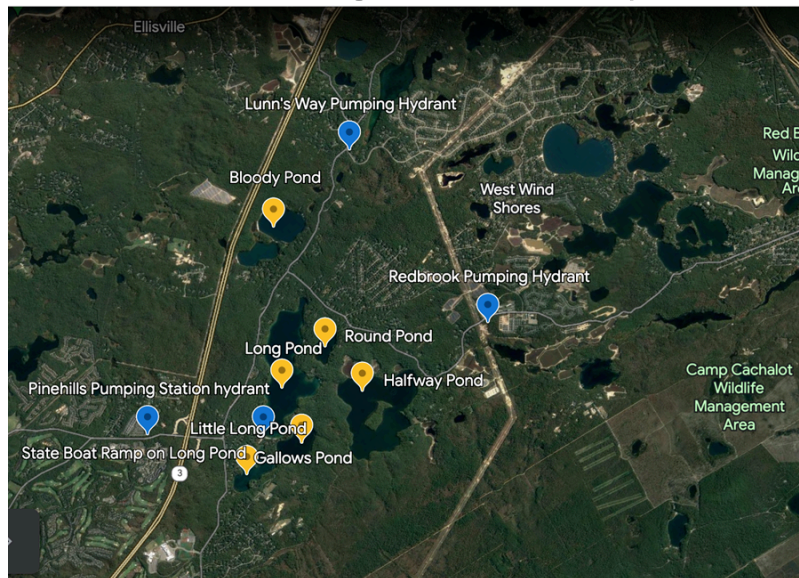
The Town of Plymouth Fire Department focuses on putting out structural fires and small roadside brushfires. In the case of wildfires in uninhabited forest areas, the state takes over the responsibility of extinguishing fires. Helicopters can carry water via buckets to help suppress wildfires in the case of out-of-control fires that threaten residences.

The Fire Chief recommends the following for Six Pond homeowners:

- Have working Smoke and CO2 alarms in your homes.
- Have reflective numbers marking your driveway. The following is a link to where you can purchase these numbers.  
<https://www.safetysign.com/products/8359/vertical-911-address-sign>
- Follow [FirewiseUSA](#) recommendations. Our Six Ponds Improvement Association has obtained

[FirewiseUSA](#) Community status over the past few years after initiating home inspections, work parties, and educational programs.

Have you been working on your property, picking up fallen limbs, clearing brush from around your home, hiring arborists to thin your trees? If so, please help Six Ponds out with our Firewise USA certification. It's easy: just [fill out the FORM here](#) and send it to [Six Ponds President, Hampton Watkins](#). He will make sure the forms are forwarded to Alex so we can maintain our status as a Firewise USA neighborhood! Thank you!



# House Numbers

## *Is Your Number Clearly Visible from the Street?*

**Seconds Count in an Emergency**


- Protect your family and your property by having large visible house numbers.
- Firefighters, police officers, and paramedics find you faster when your home is properly marked.
- A visitor, child or injured person may be unable to give clear directions.
- Emergency personnel from a neighboring community may be unfamiliar with your area.

**Use Large Visible Numbers**

- Numbers need to be at least 4-inches in height and facing the street.
- Put the numbers under lighting, and use numbers with a contrasting background, so they will be visible at night.
- Be sure to use the E-911 address for the property.
- If your driveway is long, post your house number on both sides of a mailbox or sign pole at the end of the driveway near the road.
- Be sure to keep numbers visible by trimming trees and bushes.

**It's the Law**

- Massachusetts General Laws C. 148, S. 59. specifies that every building in the state must have clearly visible address numbers posted.



**On the House**  
Away from obstruction and with proper lighting.

**And**

**Near the Road**  
Visible from both directions.

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## Roadside Improvements!

Life Scout Troop #1620 member Aidan Basinski is currently working towards his Eagle Scout rank. He has been in scouting for almost 9 years, starting as a Cub Scout in Pack 1620. To conclude his scouting endeavors, he is tasked with doing a project that gives back to the community. To achieve this, Aidan proposed rebuilding the fence around the [Redding-Bloody Pond Cemetery](#) located on Long Pond Road in the Six Ponds community, as he lives nearby. This cemetery dates to 1851 and is the final resting place of just over 25 people, including two veterans. He chose to replace the fence not only to show respect to the people buried there but also to help improve

the roadside appearance. After receiving approval from the Scouts BSA Mayflower Council, the Plymouth Cemetery Department, and the Plymouth Select Board to proceed with his project, he took to the job in the Spring of 2023.

His mother Danielle helped Aidan set up a GoFundMe page to seek donations from the community to help purchase the materials needed to complete the project. Aidan's goal was \$2,500; he received 38 donations amounting to \$2260. The Six Ponds Improvement Association was among the donors, as well as many neighbors.

The new fence is up at the Redding-Bloody Pond Cemetery! Next step- staining when the weather cooperates. Aidan is so grateful for all the support through donations, advice, encouragement or physically helping.



Aidan Basinski standing in the Redding-Bloody Pond Cemetery



The new fence around the Redding - Bloody Pond Cemetery on Long Pond Road

**Save the Date for the September Neighborhood Meeting ! POTLUCK DINNER with guest speaker Love Albrecht Howard presenting *The Dirty Dozen (Invasive Plants)*.**

**This Six Ponds Potluck Dinner will be held on Sunday, September 10th at the Wildlands Trust headquarters at 675 Long Pond Rd. Details to follow soon.**

**TAKE NOTE:** Our Six Ponds website has much to be discovered! Take a look again and check the Resources link [here](#) for book recommendations and more, or look back on old newsletters [here](#), and water quality reports [here](#). If nothing else, surf around and see what else you can find. We'd love to expand the [descriptions of each of our six ponds](#). If you have some comments, please let us know! Email Caroline at [carochapin@gmail.com](mailto:carochapin@gmail.com) or Susanne at [susannelucas@gmail.com](mailto:susannelucas@gmail.com).

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