

Special Presentation

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Plymouth Environmental Issues

Presentation to the Six Ponds Association

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Day to Day Operations...

- **Natural Resources**

- Eel River Watershed Sampling – groundwater, surface and harbor sampling
- Plymouth Long Beach – OHV and shorebird management
- Lakes and Ponds for water quality/cyanobacteria
- Wardens: 34 preserves and conservation areas, 5,147 acres of open space and beaches, dozens of miles of associated trails, 56 publicly accessible ponds over 10 acres in size, 594 recognized bodies of water (ponds, rivers, streams, etc.), and any wildlife, hunting, fishing, shellfishing, boating, or OHV calls that may come our way.
- Trail maintenance and development, property bounds, CR compliance, invasive plants, monitoring – PIT tag, eel trap, ARIS Sonar, Smith-Root, etc.
- Grant writing to make projects happen
- Town land is our focus and priority
- **Harbormaster:** Harbor, coastline and lakes and ponds. Patrols, SAR, shellfish, aquaculture, docks, piers, state boat ramp.
- **Animal Control:** Managing shelter, adoptions, calls for service and kennel inspections.



Harbor Projects

- Recently Completed:
 - Water Street Parking Lot
 - Maritime Facility

Upcoming Projects

- Bulkhead Reconstruction at Town Wharf Way (Wood's and Lobster Hut)
- Dredging - between Water St., Town Wharf Way and Town Wharf
- Replacement of waste oil tank

Future Projects

- Reconstruction of Town Boat Ramp - designed and permitted
- Town Wharf Way
- Water Street Seawalls



Natural Resource Projects

- Recently Completed
 - Repairs to North Plymouth Dam
 - Dune nourishment at White Horse Beach
 - Abatement and demolition at Huntley Lane
 - Foothills Wetlands Restoration
- Upcoming
 - Dredging of Jenney Pond (funding dependent)
 - Construction of new footbridge at Jenney Pond
 - Repairs to Jenney Pond Dam and Bypass construction
 - Seaside Trail Extension
 - Town Brook Trail Completion



Ponds

- Completing study of Savery Pond watershed
- Working on Herring Pond watershed study
- Coordination with Public Health on cyanobacteria blooms

