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*Sherborn Officials Announce Progress in Farm Pond Management Plan  
(Sherborn, 7-24-2014)*

At the Town of Sherborn's 2014 Annual Town Meeting, the Town authorized funds to pay for the development of a Farm Pond Management Plan. Farm Pond is a pristine body of water located entirely within the borders of the Town of Sherborn, and the concern over invasive species of plants spurred the Town's action to develop the Management Plan.

The firm of Fay, Spofford & Thorndike (FST) was procured to assist the Town in the development of the Plan. FST is currently conducting a limited diagnostic study of Farm Pond to evaluate current pond conditions and provide guidance for future pond management. The on-going field investigation will assess water quality, pond bathymetry, aquatic vegetation, sediments, shoreline features, and pond hydrology. This information will be compared to available historic data to evaluate potential trends in pond nutrient loadings or water quality. In addition, FST will identify potential pond and watershed management tools and techniques to help protect or improve Farm Pond's water and recreational qualities.

The initial field survey was conducted in late May, 2014, and included water quality sampling, shoreline and outlet inspection, measurement of groundwater seepage into Farm Pond, and reconnaissance of the pond bottom for plants and sediment conditions. The early results indicated excellent water clarity and low nutrient levels consistent with that found in water supply reservoirs. Additional field work this August will include a second round of water quality sampling, a systematic aquatic vegetation survey, and additional groundwater work. The pond and watershed work will be wrapped up in the fall, 2014, and a report presented to the Town.

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