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BUCKEYE BROOK COALITION ANNUAL MEETING!

INVITATION TO MEMBERS, FRIENDS & THE PUBLIC

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2017   7:00 P.M. – 8:45 P.M.

LARGE MEETING ROOM, WARWICK PUBLIC LIBRARY
600 SANDY LANE, WARWICK, RI, 02889

AGENDA

I.   Welcome & Opening Remarks

II.   Reports
> Membership renewals ($15 individual & $30 family) are due by April 1, 2017. Mail a check or money order payable to "Buckeye Brook Coalition" addressed to the Buckeye Brook Coalition, PO Box 9025, Warwick RI 02889 or donate at www.buckeyebrook.org/membership.html

III. Election – Officers & Board Members
> A. For President: Michael Zarum (2 yr. term)
> B. For Secretary: Bill Aldrich (2 yr. term)

IV.   Volunteer Opportunities
> A. 15th Annual "Direct Fish Count"
> B. Water Quality Volunteers

V. Guest Speaker Program: Sara da Silva Quintal, Restoration Ecologist with the Buzzards Bay Coalition, will present a Case Study on Invasive Phragmites Removal and Management. She will discuss invasive phragmites restoration programs which she's managed for the Buzzards Bay Coalition with multiple partners. Their coalition's projects have included invasive species management, wetland creation, stream bank naturalization, fish passage, and shellfish restoration.

Several years ago, residents in Dartmouth and Falmouth, MA were grappling with a major problem: How to best manage invasive *Phragmites* which were taking over marshes all around Buzzards Bay. Today, many of those areas are nearly free of *Phragmites* with a return to a more natural habitat. The Buckeye Brook Watershed has similar invasive vegetation and related issues.

Sara received a Master's Degree in Environmental Science from the University of Rhode Island. She worked in the Buckeye Brook Watershed as a research scientist while in college. She has also worked in the consulting industry and with USEPA. We look forward to your attending!

VI.   End of formal meeting and adjournment   (Informal discussion follows)

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