

In attendance: Doris Birmingham, Karen Grossman, Elizabeth Karpati. Eric Baatz.

- The **minutes** of the previous meeting were accepted as presented.
- The **treasurer's report**: Checking account-\$8707.42, C.D.-\$1984.14 at last calculation.
- **Canoe/kayak day** Sept. 14: Karen and both Eric's will be out of town, so there may be no FSPP tent. Kathy Modigliani is willing to do birch bark canoes with the kids, but they should be warned against getting into the water because of the algae. *[P.S. The boating was postponed to 9/21 because of the weather; no FSPP events were held on 9/21.]*
- **Park maintenance:**
 - Bill Eykamp has started to use "Rodeo" on the grass between the cobblestones, but this is the wrong time of year; next year we need to start earlier. Eric Baatz is willing to help.
 - The Con Com has not yet considered what to do about the mud at Linwood Beach.
 - Karen has talked to Mike Rademacher, Town Engineer. He is willing to consider raising the ends of the paths to the access points to prevent water puddling there. For erosion of the handicapped ramp he suggests changing the slope leading to it so that water flows into the grass and not down the ramp. He will write up his ideas and check the cost. He guesses \$5-8000 and doesn't think the Town would pay for it.
 - There is usually a puddle at a low point in the lawn near the middle of the park. A catch basin or filter may need to be cleaned.
 - Joe Connelly will check about an alternative to sand in the playground. Doris also plans to do research on playground surfaces.
 - We will have a cleanup on Saturday, October 18, 2 – 5 pm, and may get some donated daylily bulbs to plant.
- **Other:**
- **Town Day**, September 20: Kathy will coordinate.
- **Mural**: Anne got some donations from members and has contacted all banks in Arlington, will talk to neighbors including Walgreen. Zoning board approval will be needed.
- **Newsletter** was sent to 365 people. Some have signed up to get it by e-mail only. This could be made standard with an opt-out. For mailing, Karen will check the cost of heavier paper to lessen the chance of the newsletters getting mangled; or using two sealing dots could be tried.
- We should consider trying to get another **grant**, but for what project? Eric Baatz will try to find a copy of the previous grant application.

NEXT MEETING: 7 p.m. Sunday, October 5, 32 Hamilton Road #402.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Karpati