

# FRIENDS OF SPY POND PARK MEETING    OCTOBER 4, 2009

**In attendance:** Eric Berger, Karen Grossman, Elizabeth Karpati, Ilse Oliveira, DP Powell, Cynthia Thompson.

The **minutes** of the September meeting were approved as presented.

**Treasurer's report** (received by e-mail after the meeting): CD = \$2025.91, checking = \$9019.67.

**Town Day** yielded 39 names on the sign-up sheet; they are being added to the database.

## **Park Maintenance:**

- DPW removed graffiti which were reported by Karen.
- The phragmites control project in Spy Pond is scheduled for Tuesday, 10/6. (There is no phragmites in the Park yet, but the reeds are spreading and threatening the whole Pond.) FSPP has voted to contribute \$100; individual condo dwellers have also contributed.
- Bill Eykamp has used Rodeo to destroy weeds growing between the cobblestones in some places.
- Joe Connelly is still talking with DPW about how best to cope with erosion on the paths. DP suggested investigating whether a material made from old tires, which has been used on the Thompson School playground, might be both pervious and tough enough.
- Replacement of the playground sand with wood chips is scheduled for the end of October.
- David Valdes Greenwood, looking for a family service project, was referred to FSPP by Leslie Mayer of Park & Rec. The family raked the path, picked up litter, and removed 6 bags full of false indigo and vines.
- Our last work day is scheduled for October 17. It should be posted on the Arlington List.

## **Future Plans:**

- Karen has applied to NEGEF and will also apply to the Arlington Cultural Council for a grant to get an artist to do an ecological activities project for kids and parents next year. Joe Connelly has been asked for a letter of support.
- Someone has suggested that FSPP should start a Roots and Shoots group for teenagers. There is a woman in town who may be interested in being involved.
- Next year we should advertise our work days on the high school community service bulletin board, starting in March.
- Next spring, as soon as the snow melts, we need to check that the drains are functioning. Eric Berger volunteered to do it.
- We will have a library display again, probably in April. We have the display board from Town Day; we should have a binder with a complete set of newsletters (Ellen Robertson?)
- The annual meeting was set for January 10, 2010 in the Jefferson Cutter House. Suggestions for speakers: Kate Thompson and the woman interested in Roots and Shoots, both briefly. We need members willing to serve as officers next year!
- The winter newsletter should be published in early February so that it can carry the results of the annual meeting.

**Next meeting:** 7 p.m. Sunday, November 8, 2009, 32 Hamilton Road.#402, Arlington, MA.

Respectfully submitted,        Elizabeth Karpati