

## FRIENDS OF SPY POND PARK

### Meeting Minutes - April 15, 2012

The meeting was held at the home of Karen Grossman, 32 Hamilton Road, Arlington.

**In attendance:** Karen Grossman, President; Jason Fligg, Erin Freeberger, Sally Hempstead, Marshall McCloskey, Lally Stowell, and Bev Williams.

Karen called the meeting to order and asked members to comment on the park. Excellent Work Day yesterday, an especially beautiful spring season, and today's sunset were noted. **Minutes** of the February 5th meeting were **approved** with the following correction: April 14, BU Global Day of Service.

**Treasurer's report:** Checking account-\$9691(printing and t-shirt costs not included.). CD-\$3015. YTD Donations: \$65; Dues \$75, t-shirt sales \$27; total income since last report \$167. Printing and lamination \$10

**Beautification committee:** Karen reported that one kiosk roof still needs shingles. Requested Jason and Marshall to contact Andrew Fischer and do the job. Lally will continue to contact groups for Work Days. Thanks to BU, Jason, Erin and their guests, and several "regulars", winter debris was removed yesterday. Town DPW cleaned up the dead tree that collapsed this winter. **Good news:** Karen reported that the Town will assume the cost of re-grading, path erosion repair with original material, and yearly path maintenance by Heimlich Construction and Landscaping.

**Storage shed:** Marshall reported that a Rubbermaid shed from Home Depot costs about \$549 plus delivery and materials to level the structure. It will take two men four or five hours to assemble. Erin and Jason stated that hauling tools is not yet a burden. We hope to have the shed installed by next Work Day. The Town will oversee placement. Town tree committee will plant a second **tree** just outside the playground and we will water it, as needed. We left mulch to be spread around it.

**Portable handicapped toilet** has been installed at Scannell Field and will be moved closer to the park at the end of baseball season. FSPP will assume the \$800 cost for the last four months of the summer and fall.

**Canoe/kayak** shares program has been approved by the town. (See Feb. minutes.) More traffic in the park may result in both more debris and more potential volunteers.

**Website:** Webmaster, Fred Moses has posted the liability waiver and 2012 Work Days on the FSPP website. Marshall McCloskey has researched information to update our database.

**Outreach:** Jacki Katzman has listed all the 2012 Work Days in newspapers and list serves. Lally will post flyers around town. Erin will draft an announcement about our **Facebook** page to be laminated and added to the park kiosks. Bring Your Own **Picnic**, scheduled for June 2<sup>nd</sup> to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the park, has been approved by the Town. Since they did not approve any amplification, members **decided** to have strolling musicians instead of a centralized ceremony. Karen will discuss this with Betsy.

**Decals:** Jason brought several decals using the word SPY with our website beneath that we can use for publicity and to make a little profit. Lally moved, and Karen seconded, a motion to approve the purchase of 100 decals to be sold for \$2 each. **Motion passed.** Jason will order them and will write a blurb for the summer newsletter. **PSA:** Current

PSA is unacceptable. Jason knows a puppeteer and will investigate the possibility of a creative PSA for the park, which could be used both on Facebook and as a link on our website. **Videographers:** FSPP will pay for membership to ACMI-TV so 6 people can use their station's equipment. Erin, Jason, and others may use this facility for making videos of park events. **Arlington Land Trust** hopes to include tours of Elizabeth Island on Picnic Day, June 2 and/or Fun Day, September 8.

**Newsletter** still needs an editor for next year and for training now; contact Karen with suggestions. Deadline for summer issue is June 9. Suggested articles: pictures of picnic, feature on BU alums and family who worked on April 14, new decals.

Next meeting: June 10, 7p.m. at Karen's home.  
Respectfully submitted, Bev Williams, Secretary