

FRIENDS OF SPY POND PARK MEETING

SEPTEMBER 18, 2005

In attendance: Frances Cameron, Sarah Conn, John Gearin, Karen Grossman, Elizabeth Karpati, Ellen Robertson, Myra Schwartz.

Minutes: The minutes of the June meeting were accepted as presented. The August minutes were accepted with one correction: the dedication of Enid's bench will take place on October 22, not 21.

Park renovations:

- Heimlich wants to install the tables and benches before winter because it needs the trailer where these have been stored. Park & Rec wants to ask Heimlich to wait until spring.
- The chain link fence around the park will stay up all winter. The permanent fencing around the plantings is about to be installed.
- John Jalbert, Recreation Director, will ask DPW whether it can provide sprinklers and hoses. The Town would turn on the water but FSPP members would have to move the sprinklers around.
- We want a copy of the maintenance plan; so does the Open Space Committee.
- John Gearin suggested that we should report to the Selectmen, commending the great job done but stating what else is needed.

Treasurer's Report:

- We have just one more dues-paying member since the last meeting.
- We have spent \$239 for beautification equipment from the grant, have nearly \$600 left, which must be spent by December.

Newsletter:

- The latest issue just came out; some copies were still torn in the mail despite the use of a "dot" to hold the edges together. Maybe it takes two dots, one near each corner. Frances will find out from Marilyn or the post office how many copies were returned.
- Next issue should be after the annual meeting in December. John still wants articles from Heimlich and from John Jalbert.

Dedication of Enid's bench, 1 p.m. Saturday, October 22:

- Betsy will speak first, then maybe Gerda; then other members can say something about Enid.
- Have a handout with her picture? Reception with hot cider and cookies?
- Publicity: in *Advocate* calendar; ask *Advocate* to send a photographer. E-mail to members.
- Have next meeting immediately following dedication.

Annual meeting:

- To be held in December; date to be set, possibly Sunday, Dec. 4 or 11. Invite Don Vitters again.
- Possible agenda items: Goal-setting (focus on maintenance). Vision statement (include in any presentation to the Selectmen). Where to spend our money, including the grant money. Improve our Web page? (not from grant). Karen's friend could do it for pay, or supervise an intern.

Ideas for grant money:

- Hoses and sprinklers if the Town can't provide them (Renovation committee – Karen, John, Betsy, Myra – to check on this).
- Bulbs: Karen was shown places where bulbs could be planted next year in the park. Could we order and pay for them this year but not receive them till next year? Plant more opposite the parking lot on the Mass. Ave. side of the bikepath, where a FSPP member planted some but he can't continue?

Other matters:

- Phone committee: No progress yet. Karen will send an e-mail asking for volunteers. Could also ask people to sign up at Town Day.
- Vision 2020: No news since our last meeting.