

FRIENDS OF SPY POND PARK MEETING

March 1, 2009

In attendance: Eric Baatz, Eric Berger, Karen Grossman, Elizabeth Karpati, Ilse Oliviera, DP Powell.

- The February **minutes** were accepted with one correction: large adult T-shirts = 42 (not 12).
- **Treasurer's report:** Checking = \$8876.88 (a few bills yet to be paid); CD = \$2005.55.

Beautification:

- DPW to be asked to do its usual spring cleanup (such as removing big debris) in early April.
- New tools needed should also be purchased by early April.
- FSPP work days were set for the following Saturdays:

April 25	1 - 4 pm	cleanup	July 18	10 am – 1 pm	weeding
May 2	1 - 4 pm	mulching	Aug. 15	10 am – 1 pm	weeding
May 16	1 - 4 pm	mulching	Sept. 12	10 am – 1 pm	weeding
June 20	1 - 4 pm	weeding	Oct. 17	1 – 4 pm	bulb planting

DPW to be asked to deliver mulch May 1 and 15; Ilse will meet them at the park or find a deputy.
Each work day will also include some cleanup as needed.
Children's activities may be planned for some of the workdays.
- Note: The Vision 2020 Spy Pond Committee is planning a workday at the other end of the pond, on the path paralleling Rt. 2, 9 am – 1 pm on May 9. Information attached.

Other:

- **EcoFest** March 28: Ilse will be in charge of the FSPP table and has copies of the winter newsletter for distribution. More staffing needed: call Elizabeth at 781-643-4172 if you can help.
- Gail McCormick is assembling information for asking for a **grant** from NEGEF. "Jenny's Heroes" gives grants that can be applied for on the Internet; Karen applied for one.
- **Kate Thompson** is about to leave CRJ. She has been so helpful that she deserves to be made an honorary member and presented with a FSPP T-shirt.
- Uta has been making **outreach** phone calls; she could use some help.
- **Town Day** will be Saturday, Sept. 26.
- The **mural** is on hold for lack of sponsors. Perhaps the Cultural Arts Council could help.
- **Dues solicitation** will be done at the beginning of May.
- **Newsletter:** Karen moved that any hard copies needed of future newsletters be printed on white paper with colored photos, and it was so voted. The spring issue should be used to reach out to Town Meeting. There are 252 TM members, so we could just put some copies at the door, or create an excerpt and give a copy to each TM member.
- The **website** now costs \$30 per month, but Fred plans to move it to a cheaper host.
- **Canoe/Kayak rentals** will be for one-hour periods between 4 and 8 pm, the last Friday of each month, \$17 for kayaks and \$22 for canoes. Sign up for a specific hour and pay in advance at the Recreation Department (at the rink on Summer Street). Dates are May 29, June 26, July 31, August 28, and September 25.

Calling All Packrats! FSPP wants to establish a couple of complete files of past newsletters.

If you have any issue not listed below, or a spare copy of the ones that are starred, please contact Elizabeth (781-643-4172 or ekarpati@juno.com). Thanks!

2000	*Feb, May, *Summer	2003	*Winter 02-03,	2005	*Spring, Fall
2001	*Feb.		*Summer, *Fall	2006	Jan, April, Fall
2002	*Winter, Spring, *Fall	2004	*Spring, *Fall	2007	Feb, Summer, Fall

Next meeting: 7 p.m. Sunday, April 12, 2009, 32 Hamilton Road, #402, Arlington, MA.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Karpati