

FRIENDS OF SPY POND PARK
Meeting Minutes - October 2, 2011

The meeting was held at the home of Karen Grossman, 32 Hamilton Road, Arlington. **In attendance:** Karen Grossman, president, Doris Birmingham, Sally Hempstead, Elizabeth Karpati, Marshall McCloskey, Lally Stowell, Bev Williams.

Karen called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and thanked all who worked on the successful Fun Day and work day on September 10, Ann LeRoy from the Land Trust and Lally who coordinated boat rides to Elizabeth Island, and Sally and her volunteers for staffing the park booth at Town Day on September 17. Sally **agreed** to be outreach chair, coordinating special events at which Friends of Spy Pond park are represented. All present were pleased at the clean-up after the rain storms but concerned about excessive litter, including beer bottles, in the park.

Minutes of August 7: Accepted as circulated.

Treasurer's report as submitted by treasurer Jane Whitmore:

Dues YTD \$1605 Donations YTD \$1395 t-shirt sales YTD \$350

CD balance \$3012.52 Checking Balance \$9,246.25 75 members YTD

Fund raising: Karen will write an end of year fund appeal letter, with notice of the annual meeting at the bottom. We **agreed** to include a return envelope with the letter.

Linwood Circle kiosk: Rebuilt by Andrew Fisher and installed by him, Marshall, and Jason and Erin Fligg-Burger. Thanks to all of them! Karen has put up park news, and neighbors have already filled the other side.

Park maintenance: Since the family presently housing our tools needs the space, Jason volunteered to keep the park tools and supplies in his basement, at least through the winter. Doris moved, and Sally seconded the motion to investigate the costs and viability of a permanent storage unit to be placed in the town lot near the tunnel. **PASSED.** Marshall agreed to check costs, and Gail will be asked to contact the town. Doris reported that Girls' Club crew members will help at the October 15th work day.

Poison ivy in beds 2 and 3 is spreading.

Path erosion: Heimlich construction company wants more details before responding. Ruth Lotterle, of Carol R. Johnson Associates, will walk through the park before giving us an estimate for creating a more detailed design to re-grade areas affecting path erosion.

Rain garden was planted this morning. Garden Club will do upkeep. Hardy and High School students will make signs describing the plants and ways to plant rain gardens in residents' yards.

Website: Marshall has entered all who signed up at the Fun Day and Town Day.

Outreach: Karen will pursue a group membership in ACMI so that others can be trained in video production. Jason Fligg agreed to do a new **Public Service Announcement.** Jacki, Betsy, and Karen all contributed posters and articles on Fun Day. Karen will ask Betsy about signs for the **No Wake warrant**, which passed Town Meeting. No signs are up yet.

After discussion on the safety of young children, Karen moved and Doris seconded the motion: **No dogs in Arlington Tot Lots. PASSED**

Winter newsletter will come out after the annual meeting. Kudos for the fall issue to Eric Berger, editor, Jamie Ciocco, graphics, and all who submitted articles and photos.

Annual meeting will be on December 4, 2011, Place TBA. Potluck dinner at 5 p.m. and meeting at 6p.m. Topic will be the new **Rain Garden.** Elizabeth Karpati agreed to serve as secretary pro-tem for the annual meeting. All officers please contact Karen if you are unable to continue serving.

Respectfully submitted, Beverly E. Williams, Secretary

