

DUDLEY POND ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF FALL MEETING – OCTOBER 26, 2014

Officers present: Lisa Jacobs, Eric Macklin, Doron Almog, Jamie Pierce, John Darack. It was determined that there was a quorum present, and the meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM.

1. The Minutes of the April 27, 2014 Spring Meeting were read by John Darack. A motion to accept them as read was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

2. Jamie Pierce presented the Treasurer's Report for the year 2014 to date.

Highlights are:

The Fun Run broke previous records, with \$11,415 in sponsorships, and \$12,968 in net proceeds. This was accomplished even with the loss of one of our two prior \$1000 business sponsors.

Total inflow this year so far is \$15,647.

Nothing has been spent this year on weed control, thus the \$1500 balance in that account remains intact.

The Operating Fund balance is \$45,311.

The Endowment Fund balance is \$99,932, with approximately \$300 in interest expected by the end of this year, therefore the projected balance will be in excess of \$100,000.

Total funds on hand, \$146,743.

A question was raised about the fairness of ~~disbursing the allocation of DPA treasury funds vs.~~ donations earmarked for weed control ~~prior to any disbursements from general as the~~ DPA funds when reimbursing contribution to the Town ~~as reimbursement~~ for weed control. A discussion ensued, with no opposition to this practice voiced ~~conclusion drawn~~. The membership was reminded that earmarks for weed control were originally used to allocate funds specifically to hand-pulling, but the sense of the meeting was that any appropriate means of weed control was now acceptable.

The Budget for 2015 was presented, with the only increases from 2014 being \$60 for Printing and Postage, and \$450 in Administration costs. The total of budgeted expenses is \$25,990.

A motion to accept was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

3. ~~Imbal-Inbal~~ Almog presented the new DPA website, ~~that is being~~ created by the Almog Family, at no cost to the Association using Weebly. Her presentation was eloquent and quite detailed. ~~She~~ Doron explained that ~~our~~ the DPA's current site is based on technology that is no longer supported. The new site ~~will behas been~~ modernized and made navigable. Doron

identified that licensing the DPA's current www.dudleypond.org URL will cost approximately \$250 for a 10-year extension. A question was raised about adding functionality to permit online merchant account will be incorporated so that payments for dues, donations and merchandise may be made online. This would require a merchant account to be established with credit card companies and added expense. No motion was made for or against.

4. Mike Lowery presented a detailed report on the Town SWQC's recent activities. Highlights are:

There has been a long-term program to reduce and minimize herbicide use. ~~It's~~ The cost of weed control has declined significantly since it's inception in 2008.

~~_____~~ _____ The springtime ~~algae~~ algal bloom was larger than in the past. SWQC collected 1838 gallons of floating algal mats. Algae covered many plants, which perhaps contributed to the reduction in ~~Milfoil~~ milfoil this year. Other possible contributory factors ~~are that Triclopyr was applied include~~ later application of Triclopyr last fall in the season, and there was a later than usual ice-out. Similar results declines in milfoil were observed in other Massachusetts ponds.

We have a new problem in the form of Tapegrass, which was first observed in 2010. It is a native species, and ~~we do not have an the DPA's current~~ Order of Conditions do not permit us to be able to remove it. It is spreading, and the rules for its management are vague and evolving.

A slide presentation showed ~~E. Coli~~ coli bacteria measurements for 2014. High levels spiked in late May and late August associated with rainstorms. The source is undetermined, but may be waterfowl related.

A slide demonstration illustrated 2014 water chemistry. Sampling is done three times per year. Dudley Pond's results show it to be "mesotrophic". Phosphorus and Nitrogen are very available from mud sediments, lawn fertilizer, septic system leachate, decaying leaves and muck. These sources of nutrients, which support weed growth, may be managed by observing stormwater outfalls and continued vigilant in maintaining septic systems, limited use of road salt, and mapping of drainage. Town boards (SWQC, Recreation, ConCom, BoH, DPW) are being very responsive. Stormwater catchments were vacuumed by the town this summer, and efforts were undertaken this year to map systems around Dudley Pond. Mike reported that a proposal is being considered to mandate annual septic system pumping of all systems within 300 feet of Dudley Pond. Spreading of sand and salt in the winter was briefly discussed. Mike recommended that members write to DPW with any comments.

5. Alison LeClaire reported her finding of artifacts during her diving missions in the Pond, which included an Uzi automatic weapon!

6. Karen Lowery reported on the Fun Run. It was a very successful event, with net proceeds of \$12,968 (see Treasurer's Report for more details). Congratulations to Ella LeClaire and Eric Macklin, who won their respective divisions. There were 123 sponsors and more than 50 volunteers, several of whom were cited.

7. During an Open Discussion period, the following items were raised –

The ConCom has set a November 15 deadline for removal of boats that have been stored at Rocky Point. Mike Lowery suggested that a letter be sent to ConCom and other Town boards that may own shoreline land requesting public boat racks at appropriate locations, which would provide orderly storage and perhaps be able to generate fees for their use.

The matter of disruptive behavior, such as loud partying on Town land and speeding boats was discussed. It was suggested that DPA write to the Police Department requesting that it add such areas as the Pond outlet to its patrol areas. It would be helpful to provide photos of incidents and sites to the police.

Some have expressed concerns about DPA spending on social events that may or may not be direct Association events. Opinions expressed were very much in favor of doing so, as they build a cohesive neighborhood and DPA membership, and potentially add funds to support beneficial DPA activities.

Suggestions were made to form a work party to clean the outlet, to sponsor a Pond cleanup event, to add a Welcoming Committee, and to alter our membership form to add a Family Membership category.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John Darack
Secretary