



Dear Members and Friends of the DPA:

It's been a long, cold New England winter, but your DPA Board has not been hibernating. In November, my son and grandson atop their ATVs along with members of the DPA and SWQC removed the barrier surrounding the site for our milfoil weevil study this spring.

In January we sent our 2003 year end report to the ConCom as required by their Orders of Conditions. This report outlined the great success of the herbicide treatment in eliminating 99% of the milfoil as reported by Aquatic Control Technology.

Throughout the winter your EBoard has spoken with ConCom and Highway concerning the road run-off blockage in the outlet stream. Freeing the blockage while being environmentally friendly to the wetlands is the goal for all of us. Clearing this blockage will not be part of this year's spring clean-up, but we may ask some of you to assist with shovels later in the spring. More on this at the spring meeting.

Vice President, Lisa Newton agreed to coordinate this year's s319 Grant application. The proposal will be submitted on our behalf by GeoSyntec Consultants. Some details are included elsewhere in the newsletter. Also included in this newsletter is an excerpted article by Maria Hopkins, a real estate appraiser. A member of the DPA forwarded it along to me and we publish it here simply to remind all of us of the joys and benefits of living on Dudley Pond and the burden of stewardship that comes with those benefits.

Finally, as I pass the leadership of the DPA on to a new President, I would like to thank all of you for your confidence and support over the past 18 months. And a special thank you to the Executive Board; Jim, Lisa, Jamie and Sherry for their diligence, support, camaraderie and friendship during my tenure. You're a great team!

-Judy Currier
President, DPA

SMILE WHILE SUPPORTING THE DPA!

The Robbs of Wayland have offered to hold a portrait fundraiser to benefit the DPA. The Robbs do not maintain a typical portrait studio. Instead, they bring their studio to their clients. Photographing outdoors at homes, gardens, and parks is most common.

Our location will be Mansion Beach with beautiful autumn colors and Dudley Pond in the background. There will be NO fee for these sessions and approximately HALF of your print order price will be donated to the DPA. Photo holiday cards will also be available.

The Robbs can accommodate 10 - 12 families on the morning of October 30th. Have your family or children's portraits captured in a beautiful setting while supporting the Dudley Pond Association at the same time.

Steve and Kim Robb frequently donate portrait sessions to auctions and have helped raise money for many nonprofit organizations and schools. The DPA is very grateful for their generous offer.

To reserve a time, call The Robbs at 508-653-5870 or go to their website - www.robbsportraits.com for information, to view a gallery of their work or to email them for more info.



"The Robb Siblings and Families"

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happenings

B i - A n n u a l
Come One, Come All...
To the Dudley Pond Association's

Membership Meeting & Spaghetti Dinner

SUNDAY, APRIL 25
5PM at the Senior Center
Town Hall
Child care provided.



NEW MEMBER AND NEIGHBOR POT LUCK

New Member and Neighbor Pot Luck get together. Here are the details - Sunday, May 23 at noon at Mansion Beach. Bring some food to share with your friends and neighbors. Rain location opposite Mansion Beach at Bob and Linda Smith's, 12 Mansion Road. Mark your calendars now for this fun, free event

EMAIL ADDRESSES

When you change your email address or service provider, don't forget to notify dpaprez@aol.com. Some of you who have been on our email list, no longer receive DPA related messages as your address has changed and your email has been returned as undeliverable. Send a message to the above with your current address and we'll gladly update our address book

Volunteers Needed!

We are seeking members to serve on our Standing Committees: Nominating, Communications and Membership as well as appointments to the DPA's Social/Event Planning Committee. Please call any member of the Executive board or email dpaprez@aol.com if you're interested in becoming more active in the Dudley Pond Association.



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Maintaining property values for lake area properties

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By Maria Hopkins, Maria Hopkins Associates, Holden, MA

"I recently had the pleasure of speaking to the annual meeting of the Massachusetts Congress of Lake and Pond Associations, otherwise known as COLAP. As a real estate appraiser with 19 years experience, I am always amazed at what I call the "Penny Wise, Dollar Foolish" mentality of most property owners. Of all the types of property that have enjoyed a healthy rate of appreciation in most areas of the state, waterfront and lake area properties have probably topped the list. And what would you guess is the wisest investment that these property owners could make in their property? Well it is not adding on an addition or putting in a new kitchen or bathroom. The best investment is to put some money into maintaining the body of water that has made their property so valuable.

Many lake areas have either mandatory or voluntary associations. One of the best purposes of these associations is to collect money from all the owners around the lake for weed control and other types of maintenance. Some of the associations have periodic meetings to educate owners about various issues especially with regards to protecting our water sources and open space..... Property owners should be more than happy to contribute money toward maintaining our lake areas.... The return on their investment is well worth it...."

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee, worked diligently to present a slate of officers for this election. They contacted and cajoled several people to accept the nomination for president, but ultimately had no luck in finding someone willing to accept the nomination. With no nominees for the presidency, First Vice President Jim Thompson agreed that he would accept the nomination for the coming year. The slate of nominees is:

President	Jim Thompson
First Vice President	Barbara Bock
Second Vice President	Russ Ashton
Treasurer	Jamie Pierce
Secretary	Amy Borner

Grace Olin wishes to retire from the Nominating Committee. Nominations for Grace's spot on the Nominating Committee as well as any other nominations for any positions will be accepted from the floor. We're trying to fill seats on the Communications Committee, Social/Events Committee

www.dudleypond.org and email addresses

If you haven't logged onto to our website in a while, you should. Ferenc Vasady-Kovacs working with Vice President Jim Thompson has done a fantastic job in updating and maintaining dudleypond.org. Each month the minutes of our Executive Board meetings are added to the website so that everyone can be aware of what is discussed and voted.

It is our hope that future newsletters will be available through the website. This could save hundreds of dollars in printing and postage costs. If you routinely receive messages from dpaprez@aol.com then we have your current email address; if you aren't on our email list and want to be, send a message to dpaprez@aol.com and we'll add you. Visit www.dudleypond.org and let us know what you think



DUES

ADULT - any member 19 years old or older
\$15

YOUTH - any member 16 to 18 years old
\$10

SPONSOR - adult membership plus a \$60 donation
\$75

LIFE MEMBER -
\$200

(One time payment includes Dudley Pond Sweatshirt and name on life member plaque)

clip and send to: 22 Algonquin Path, Wayland, MA
01778

Name _____

Address _____

Phone number _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____

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How I can contribute:

S319 GRANT APPLICATION

Again this year the DPA is seeking an s319 grant for non-chemical approaches to slow down the eutrophication of Dudley Pond. Last fall the membership voted to include \$1,000 in the 2004 budget for preparation of this grant. GeoSyntec Consultants submitted a proposal outlined below for a lump sum fee of \$3,000.

The EBoard contacted our partners on SWQC seeking their release of \$1500 earmarked for grant writing from our Clean Harbors grant. That was approved on March 23 and the DPA EBoard voted to increase the \$1000 to \$1500 matching the SWQC's commitment.

Our S319 Non-point Source Pollution Grant will focus on 3 key elements:

1) Reduction of pollution within the watershed by identifying opportunities within the existing storm water infrastructure to reduce storm water pollution. These opportunities could include Bio-retention cells (topographic depressions engineered to accept runoff and filter, store and infiltrate by using specialized vegetation); Vegetated Buffers (strips of vegetation planted around sensitive lakes and ponds to reduce storm water by trapping sediments and pollutants and slowly dispersing the runoff); Rainbarrels to

capture rooftop runoff

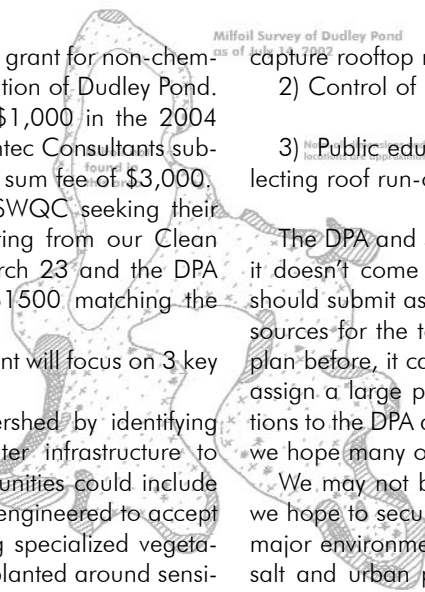
2) Control of milfoil with the weevil

3) Public education and outreach (storm drain stenciling, collecting roof run-off, Rain Gardens)

The DPA and SWQC will be actively involved in the project-but it doesn't come without its Catch 22. To know how much we should submit as a proposal, we need to know the matching fund sources for the town. The town needs to know the scope of the plan before, it can commit resources to the project! We intend to assign a large piece of the Public Education and Outreach portions to the DPA and should we be successful in securing the grant, we hope many of you will volunteer your time and expertise.

We may not be able to fully implement the ultimate plan, but we hope to secure funding to launch our efforts to help solve two major environmental problems; slowing down the nutrients, road salt and urban pollution and controlling milfoil through weevils and divers.

Milfoil Survey of Dudley Pond
as of July 11, 2002



The DPA needs your help.

Please write a letter of support telling the State that you think this is a good project. Here's how:

Address your letter to:

Jane Peirce, 319 RFR Coordinator
DEP, 2nd Floor
627 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608

In the first paragraph tell her who you are and how long you have lived on Dudley Pond.

Next tell her how you have seen the pond change over the last few years with the increase in weeds. Can you still swim like you used to? Use your boat as much as you want? Do you think your property values have changed? Tell her what is most important to you.

Tell her that you support the s319 application by the Dudley Pond Association. That it will help to address some of the changes you've seen in the lake.

Sign your letter and give it to any member of the Executive Board or mail it to me for inclusion in the grant application.

(Sorry, but email messages are not acceptable, a signed letter is required)

To be included in the application, you must send your letter of support to me by MAY 1.

My address is: 22 Algonquin Path, Wayland, MA 01778. Please take a few minutes right now to write your letter - Dudley Pond and I will be grateful for your support.

Sincerely,

Judy Currier
President, Dudley Pond Association

SPRING CLEAN UP

For years the DPA has sponsored a spring clean up on the last Saturday in April. This year, the date is April 24, two days after the 34th anniversary of Earth Day. Senator Gaylord Nelson proposed the first Earth Day because all across the country, evidence of environmental degradation was appearing and everyone noticed except the political establishment. The environmental issue simply was not to be found on the nation's political agenda. The people were concerned, but the politicians were not.

This year's clean up efforts will focus on the real concept of Earth Day. Earth Day worked because of the spontaneous response at the grassroots level. We had neither the time nor resources to organize 20 million demonstrators and the thousands of schools and local communities that participated. That was the remarkable thing about Earth Day. It organized itself.

Here's what we're asking you to do. As Marilyn Darack, the DPA's representative to the Wayland Beautification Committee advocates, "Take a walk, Take a bag". If each of us goes for a walk on Saturday, April 24 with a plastic shopping bag and a pair of gloves and picks up any debris along the way, we will make a significant impact on the trash along the roads which surround Dudley Pond and get to meet and greet some of our neighbors too. Any of you who live near a storm drain, please take a moment to sweep away the winter's sand and salt as this ultimately finds its way into the pond and the surrounding wetlands. No pressure, no need to show up at a specific time just go for a walk, it will be good for you and for the watershed.

