



**Bi - Annual**  
**Come One, Come All...**  
To the Dudley Pond Associations

### Membership Meeting & Spaghetti Dinner

**SUNDAY, May 1**  
**5PM at the Senior Center**  
**Town Hall**



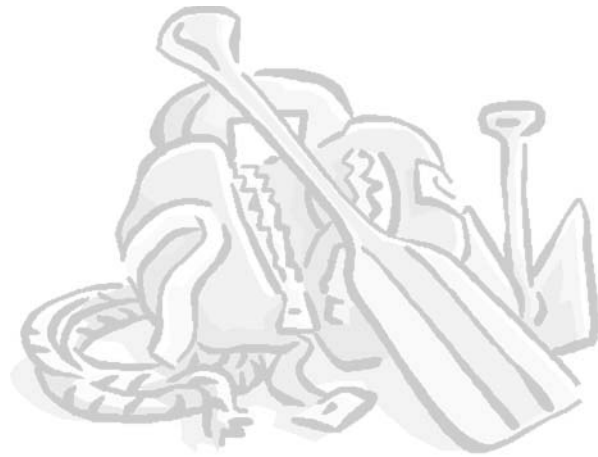
The nominating committee comprised of Marilyn Darack and Elaine Snyder, with assistance from Grace Olin, is pleased to present the following slate of candidates for the 2005-2006 DPA Executive Board:

- President: Jim Thompson
- 1st Vice President: Russ Ashton
- 2nd Vice President: Steve Robb
- Treasurer: Jamie Pierce
- Secretary: Karen Lowery

Come Meet your neighbors and cast your vote for our new executive board.

## NOTICE

Dudley Pond Fundraising Events: please contact Linda Smith if you'd be willing to help organize a fun event of any size. 508-655-1923. [ljswayland@comcast.net](mailto:ljswayland@comcast.net)



### Message from President

How quickly 12 months can fly by, as we know all too well. Originally I thought that come 2005, I would be most happy to relinquish this post and get back to other activities. So, what has changed, being that I was also the President from 1997-99? It is the combination of the excitement created by the S319 Grant, along with the wonderful group of volunteers who make the Dudley Pond Association such a living and breathing entity.

As we look forward to the balance of this year and into 2006, the DPA is faced with many new challenges and of course some wonderful opportunities. In particular the S319 will do much to improve the quality of water in our beloved pond, but more importantly, we want it to be the catalyst that will get people involved and create an awareness confirming that what we do and do not do greatly effects this natural resource.

With the pending introduction of weevil to help control the eurasion milfoil weed, we will need to address different views and opinions of our members, all in the best interest of Dudley Pond. In my last go around as DPA President, we spent considerable time with Town warrants and preparing for the application of herbicide to combat these weeds. There continues to be many different opinions, even within our own board as to whether weevils will in fact be the best or only long-range solution. Nevertheless, following a summer of extensive hand-pulling by our dedicated drivers and many hours of volunteer time, the timing is right to finally try this alternate solution. While no one can guarantee that weevils will be "the solution", we owe it to ourselves to give this our 100% effort and dedication.

Thank You, Jim Thompson, President  
[JEThompson33@aol.com](mailto:JEThompson33@aol.com)

**DPA SPRING MEETING & SPAGHETTI DINNER**  
**SUNDAY 5PM, MAY 1ST**  
**Senior Center, Town Hall**

### Speaker to discuss introduction of weevils to Dudley Pond

**W**e are pleased to have as our speaker, Mr. Bob Hartzel, Sr. Water Resources Scientist, with Geosyntec Consultants, Inc. from Acton, MA. Bob has spoken to the Association before and if you recall, Bob helped write our proposal for the S319 Grant. The introduction of weevils, to Dudley Pond, was one of the conditions noted by the Wayland Conservation Commission. This is in lieu of another herbicide treatments and the desire to consider and test alternate solutions to our weed problem. Bob will be submitting his bid in order that Geosyntec might be the firm chosen by the Town of Wayland to apply and monitor weevils in Dudley Pond. Please come and listen to Bob as he explains the process and answers your questions and any concerns.

### Inside: MILFOIL UPDATE

### Winter 2005 on Dudley Pond



photo by Stan Wohlforth

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#### Dudley Pond Officers 2004/ 2005

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

**MILFOIL UPDATE**

Last year milfoil was brought under reasonable control. This year it is our hope that with aggressive hand-pulling, in conjunction with the introduction of weevils, milfoil can be effectively combated. Ted Fiust and his team of divers are ready to go this summer, with some preliminary work possible before school is out.

In the spring of 2004, Ted and his divers could not find a single milfoil plant above the sediment surface. However, by June, they identified 7 hotspots (concentrated areas where more than 100 plants were present). Three super hotspot areas ranging from 2258 milfoil plants to 3786 plants were identified and pulled, even multiple times throughout the summer. Together these three areas represent more than 80 percent of the 12,070 milfoil plants pulled last year, and would be a good test site for weevils.

While not all milfoil could be removed by last fall, it was however, kept off the surface of the pond and resulted in considerably fewer plants than during their peak of the year. Naturally, milfoil is still present, even in winter. In March, 2005 and in an area of open water of approximately. 3 foot by 40 foot, Ted has already counted several milfoil fragments.

If you would like to help control milfoil this year you can provide assistance from shore or from your boat, but PLEASE, be sure not to let any fragments float off to other areas of the pond. Another way you can help is to identify the location(s) of milfoil. Just place a fishing bobber on a string attached to a small weight such as rebar. Drop it next to the plant you found, and call Ted. Write MILFOIL PLANT in permanent marker on the bobber, with your name and Ted will return it to your shore. If you want more information about how you or your neighbors can help, please contact Ted Fiust or any DPA board members.

**319 Grant and Capital Campaign**

Since the town's notification that it had received an s319 grant for the Dudley Pond Comprehensive Water Quality Improvement Project, lots of paperwork has been necessary. In December, the draft scope of the project was received by the Town and the Selectmen appointed Judy Currier as the liaison between DEP and the Town for this project. The draft scope was returned to DEP with some changes, clarification of the budget and the completed forms and certifications required by the Commonwealth. Judy Currier, Jim Thompson and Jamie Pierce met with the Surface Water Quality Committee to provide an overview of the project, what was to be paid by the federal government under the grant and what was to be paid in time, equipment and cash by the town and the DPA. As of this writing (3/21), we are awaiting the signature of the DEP Director on the contracts and then the project may officially proceed. Members of the Surface Water Quality Committee are poised and ready to send out Requests for Proposals covering the scope of the project. These Requests should be well along by our May meeting and we'll give you an update then.

In December, the DPA launched a Capital Campaign to raise the actual dollars needed in matching funds for this grant. Our goal in the Capital Campaign was to raise \$12,000 over the 3 year life of the grant. We're happy to announce that we have already reached this goal! Thanks to all of you who generously contributed to this Capital Campaign. Contributions to the Capital Campaign will continue to be accepted over the life of this 3 year project. Any funds earmarked for the Capital Campaign will be used for those activities outlined in the s319 grant; stenciling of storm drains, additional hand pulling of milfoil by professional divers, additional plantings for the bioretention cell, and for public education and outreach. Other articles in this newsletter seek volunteers for stenciling teams. We're also looking for volunteers to maintain the bioretention cell in the upcoming years. Activities such as weeding, replacing plants and mulch will be needed on an ongoing basis. Although we hope to receive assistance from the Wayland Middle School, any gardeners with time on their hands, please let us know.

**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: Dudley Pond Association  
P.O. Box 5114, Wayland, MA 01778

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**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone number** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Volunteers Needed!**

Please call any member of the Executive board or email [JETHompson33@aol.com](mailto:JETHompson33@aol.com) if you're interested in becoming more active in the Dudley Pond Association

**DPA Committees, Work Group and requests for volunteers**

This year we will looking to our new and expanded committees and S319 Work Groups to keep the DPA moving in the right direction.



Lynn Paoella have several social and fund raising events in mind for 2005. These events will require considerable coordination, so please consider contacting these

**Communication Committee:** Marilyn Darack and Elaine Snyder have agreed to head up this important function. This committee will be responsible for not only promoting DPA activities through the media and other venue, but will be working closely with our Membership committee and the DPA Secretary.

wonderful volunteers to help with this important task.

It is also intended that this committee will interface with the Educational aspect of the S319 grant, to address such issues as the proper use of lawn chemicals, road salt reduction and other subjects affecting the water quality of Dudley Pond. Please call Marilyn or Elaine, if you would like to help them in anyway.

**Membership Committee:** This committee, headed by DPA Vice President, Russ Ashton, with support from Jim Ogletree, has greatly expanded their role and now include five members. Other members include Arlene Pollak, Linda Thompson and Marcia Filiurin. Membership will now include the entire realm starting with attracting new members, retaining current members and keeping or getting members involved, plus any and other forms of membership communication. It is hope that this committee will suggest and implement various changes that will ensure and heighten the livelihood of our association.

**Events Committee:** Linda Smith, with assistance from

**S319 Grant Work Groups:**

Due to the efforts of former DPA President, Judy Currier, and the approval of the S319 Grant, we will be forming various work groups, in line with terms of this grant. Once again, volunteers will be needed, as follows:

**Stenciling Storm Drains:** It is estimated that we will need 5 or 6 - two person work teams to properly prepare and stencil the 100+ storm drains located in the Dudley Pond watershed.

Team #1-Elliot Pollak and Jim Thompson

Team #2, #3, #4, #5 and #6, needs volunteers asap.

**Weed Hand-Pulling:** With the hard work performed, last season, by Ted Fiust and his fellow divers a tremendous amount of eurasian milfoil was removed from Dudley Pond. Ted needs your help, whether it is to man the divers boat for an afternoon or assist with removing milfoil, hauling various equipment, etc., so please contact Ted at your earliest.

Ice Skating on the Pond.

