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Come One, Come All...
To the Dudley Pond Associations

Membership Meeting & Spaghetti Dinner

SUNDAY, April 30th
5PM at the Rod & Gun Club
4 Meadowview Road



The Nomination board for 2007:

- President - Sherry Fiust
- 1st V.P. - Karen Lowery
- 2nd V.P. - Brian Chicella
- Treasurer - Jamie Pierce
- Secretary - Marilyn Darack
- Social Events - Chairman Russ Ashton

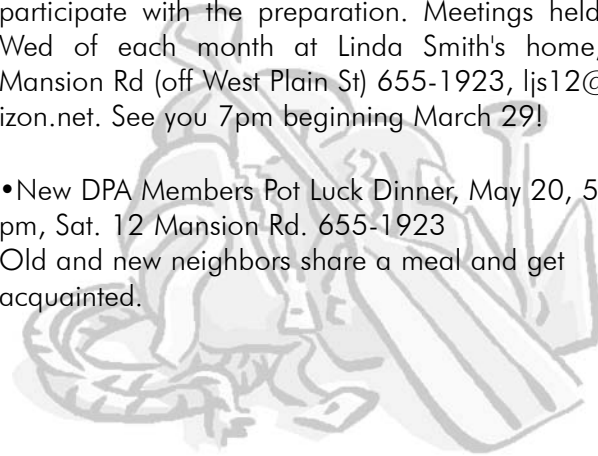
Come Meet your neighbors and cast your vote for our new executive board.

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

Please help plan the DPA's biggest fundraiser, a 5k road race for runners, walkers and kids which will be held Sun Sept 24, 2006 1pm. We'd love to have you participate with the preparation. Meetings held last Wed of each month at Linda Smith's home, 12 Mansion Rd (off West Plain St) 655-1923, ljs12@verizon.net. See you 7pm beginning March 29!

- New DPA Members Pot Luck Dinner, May 20, 5:30 pm, Sat. 12 Mansion Rd. 655-1923
Old and new neighbors share a meal and get acquainted.



Message from President

As I reflect on my second "fling" as President, I truly wonder where the time has gone. As the board, for a grass-root volunteer organization, we accomplished much but quickly recognized that we could not do everything we wanted or honestly hoped to do. However, and on behalf of the DPA board and our many volunteer helpers, we are proud of what we did accomplish, including the following:

- Great strides with the annual Fun Run, in the planning, organization and the significant increase in the amount of money raised.

- Improved coordination with the Wayland Surface Water Quality Committee (SWQC) and the sharing of efforts to meet objectives of the DPA

- Coordination with the S319 grant requirements and new efforts to pursue additional funding for divers.

- Formation of teams to assist divers in the hand-pulling of milfoil, including boat operation, plant spotting, site marking and unloading tonnage of milfoil weeds.

- Documenting and monitoring efforts to better coordinate the 2006 milfoil hand-pulling project.

- Increase in our Operation funds as well as the Dudley Pond Endowment Fund to ensue the long-term viability of Dudley Pond.

- Overall increases in our membership total and renew efforts to attract new members and sponsor events and activities to sustain current membership.

As the President for the second time around, I know that I have been blessed to have such a strong and dedicated board, along with the having our past President, Judy Currier, act as the coordinator for the S319 grant. With their efforts my job was relatively easy and frankly a true pleasure.

Thank You, Jim Thompson, President
JETHompson33@aol.com

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ENDOWMENT FUND INCREASED TO NEW LEVEL

Due to the recent transfer of proceeds from DPA's general funds combined with the excellent response to the 2005 annual letters of appeal, the Endowment Fund has been increased to it's highest level since inception. A special Thank You goes out to those members and individuals who so generously contributed to this important long-term fund.

DIVERS, MILFOIL HANDPULLING AND FUNDING

As you may recall, our local expert, Ted Fiust, armed with his band of scuba divers and snorkelers nearly quadrupled their milfoil take in 2005. They pulled over 46,000 milfoil plants, as opposed to approximately 12,000 in 2004 and our ready to go again in 2006. This year Ted plans to start earlier in order to head off the growth and maturity of these plants and maybe even reduce the need for extensive diving into the late fall weather.

The DPA is also working with the Wayland Surface Water Quality Committee, in order to document and monitor this project, while we jointly pursue additional funding to cover diver expenses. In addition to the S319 Grant, as pursued by your association, the DPA is also pursuing the possibility of receiving additional funds earmarked for hand-pulling, from our Commonwealth.

Ted is now finalizing his plans, evaluating his overall costs and projections and looking into new methods to target this aggressive plant. Ted has asked that those interested in helping with this venture, whether diving, snorkeling or manning the divers boat, please contact him at your earliest convenience.

The Dudley Pond Association
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| •Treasurer | Jamie Pierce |
| •Secretary | Karen Lowery |



a last look at Winter

s319 Grant Update

Although things never seem to move along as quickly as we'd like, great progress has been made on several components of the Town's s319 grant, "Dudley Pond Storm water Improvements".

In February a public hearing was held by the Wayland Conservation Commission on the Notice of Intent filed by GeoSyntec Consultants on behalf of the Town of Wayland. Bob Hartzel of GeoSyntec presented the project, answered all of the questions posed by the ConCom and the plan was unanimously approved.

A bioretention cell has been designed and will be constructed to treat storm water runoff from the paved areas of the Middle School and the Highway Department. Bioretention cells are shallow landscaped depressions that incorporate plantings and an engineered soil mixture with a high filtration rate. They control runoff volume and timing and can remove pollutants through the physical, chemical and biological processes that occur in plants, soil and mulch. The storm water that drains to the bioretention cell will be ponded in a shallow depression, percolate through the planting material and discharged via a catch basin and culvert that flows under Main Street and drains into the wetland and ultimately into Dudley Pond.

The outlet area has been redesigned to slow the velocity of the water coming through the culvert. The degraded section of the outlet and stream channel will be restored and stabilized using rock, turf reinforced mat and replanted with a native wetland seed mix.

Concerning another part of the s319, in June GeoSyntec Consultants will again survey the Pond's milfoil growth to assess the development of milfoil beds. Based on this site visit, we are optimistic that a milfoil bed in a cove on the eastern end of the pond (Ted Williams Cove) will be a suitable weevil stocking site.

Judy Currier is currently working on the Educational component of the grant and hopes to have something on WayCam's "Community Beat" before and during the construction. WayCam's "Community Beat" is directed by long time Dudley Pond friend and life member, George Norton. At this writing, George is battling pneumonia. More info will be available at the spring meeting.

This multi-faceted project is a joint effort of many town entities and has been funded by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection and the Dudley Pond Association. The bioretention cell will be installed on School Department property, the outlet restoration will occur on Conservation land, the Highway Department will donate equipment and manpower for the restoration of the outlet area, the Police Department has agreed to provide the special detail during reconstruction of the outlet and we're hopeful that WayCam will add this project to its programming. Again, we'd like to thank all the town departments involved in this project for their continuing support in our efforts to preserve the water quality of Dudley Pond.

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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

Name _____

Address _____

Phone number _____

Email address _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____

Volunteers Needed!

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



photo by Stan Wohlfarth



DPA MEMBERSHIP, EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

The membership committee has been busy contacting current and former members in order to elicit their help and feedback and assist with the renewal of any memberships. In addition, this committee is now investigating various events and activities which could bring current members together and attract new members for the association. As part of this committee's charge, they are also renewing more efficient ways to contact and stay in contact with all members, including the normal distribution of newsletters, postcards and the benefits of email and the DPA website.

Thanks to the efforts of this committee, our membership is increasing. The DPA Association owes a special thank out to one of our newest members, Brian Chicella, who has contacted many members, developed a nice lead-in letter and is now pursuing a DPA emblem embossed decal, pin or sticker as a form of recognition and to encourage future renewals.

DUDLEY POND SPILLWAY BLOCKAGE

Thanks to the efforts of our Dudley Pond "eyes", in particular Molly Upton and John Darack, the recent blockage at the outlet dam was detected and brought to the attention of the appropriate department and individuals. In fact, both the MWRA and the Wayland Highway Department responded quickly and in a most courteous manner. The MWRA dug out debris in front of the dam area and also offered to come back in the spring to clear out the outlet pipe, if need be. More importantly, Stubby Kadlik of our Highway Department instructed his men to not only look into the matter, but had them spend considerable hours in less than ideal conditions to clean out the outlet brook all the way to Happy Hollow school.

Following this effort, the water started to run once again and within a day the water level at the dam dropped until it eventually returned to it's desired level.

In your future dealings with our Highway Department, please tell them how much you and your neighbors appreciated the friendly and professional manner in which they resolved this dilemma.

Take a Walk, Take a Bag - PLEASE!
 by Marilyn Darack

As a member of the Keep Wayland Tidy Committee, I have taken on the Dudley Pond Community as my personal challenge. I cannot do this alone, so I ask for your assistance.

Now is a great time of year to clean up the Dudley Pond Neighborhood. The snow has melted and no longer covers up all the unsightly litter on the sidewalks and curbs.

Please remember to take a bag with you when you go out for a walk. Pick up all those scratched lottery tickets, soda and beer cans, cigarette packages, and candy wrappers that mar the beauty of our lovely pond environment.

Doing something as simple as this can instill a sense of pride in our neighborhood and enhance the beauty we are fortunate to enjoy every day.

ELECTION OF NEW BOARD FOR 2006/07

The nominating committee will present various candidates for your approval and open the floor for any other nominations. While a call will continue to go out for new committee members, such as membership, communication, research, funding and others, we hope to have any new Vice President work directly with a chosen committee to ensure consistency, timely updates and better direction. Depending on the will of the membership and our time constraints, we may also discuss the need to amend our by-laws to expand the number of Vice Presidents and move towards this preferred direct link with a specific committee.

TIME TO CLEAN UP YOUR ROADWAY

As you may recall, we had to move away from formal clean up days due to the lack of response and available workers. However, in it's place we asked each member and their neighbors to monitor their own block and clean out any storm grates and the build up of sand and leaves, as well as pick up any noticeable trash. It is important that these drains be cleared before summer arrives and with it rains, car rinses, etc that will merely pass over the drain and go directly into the pond, unless this effort is made.

In addition please try to carry a bag with you whether you go for a walk around the pond, as you will likely encounter trash and other debris that needs to be removed. Just recently some individuals dumped four bags full of empty beer cans, bottles and plastic cups near the junction of Simpson and Lake Share. The Highway department was kind enough to come by and take away the reachable bags, but could not remove all litter due to some items still frozen in the ice. They left this to the DPA

and local neighbors.

One neighbor who is especially involved in this project is Marilyn Darack. Marilyn is working with the Wayland Tidy committee and welcomes your assistance. Please call Marilyn if you can help in any way.