**DUDLEY POND ASSOCIATION**

**MINUTES OF FALL MEETING – OCT.25, 2015**

Officers present: Lisa Jacobs, Doron Almog, Eric Macklin, Jamie Pierce, Absent: John Darack.

A quorum was present and the meeting was called to order at 5:15 PM.

Treasurers Report:

Jamie reviewed the Fun Run totals and thanked Marcia and Karen for all their hard work. He went over the budget and reviewed the major categories. Most costs have stayed the same. We have spent no $ on pond maintenance this year.

The fund balance in 2015 is $160,743 (up from $150,622 from 2014)

Highlights are:

Total inflow this year to date - $16,119

Total expenses - 5,998

Net - $10,121

Fund Balances –

Operating Fund

Check account balance $24,452

Middlesex Savings Bank CD 34,650

Total operating balance $59,102

Endowment Fund $101,382

Milfoil Fund 260

Total of all funds on hand $160,743

There was a motion to approve the budget. It was seconded and approved unanimously.

The minutes of the May 3, 2015 Spring Meeting were read by Lisa Jacobs. A motion to accept them was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

Doron Almog opened up a discussion about how to increase DPA membership and activities that members would like to see. Some ideas:

* Welcome packets/new membership packets
* Give away DPA memberships to newcomers for their first year
* DPA membership as a Fun Run raffle prize
* Provide current members with more info about the pond: it’s history (both the neighborhood and the pond), what lives in the pond- bullfrogs, fish, swans, turtles, plants, etc
* Provide info about use of fertilizer and other things that affect our pond water
* Get kids to learn about what’s going on at Mansion Beach and around the pond- use Science teachers?
* Publicize the rules of the pond- pontoon and motor boats, get environmental signage
* Provide pontoon boat rides, kayak rides
* Have a party to update the web; many pages are 5-10 years old
* Consolidate pictures/documents that are stored by several members
* More winter events
* More food-centered events- bar-b-q’s, hot choc/cookies in winter
* More spontaneous, pop-up events
* Scavenger Hunt
* Cardboard boat races
* More emails about Pond stuff
* More articles in Town Crier, Wayland e-newsletter, patch
* Review town census- Get demographics of people in Watershed

Doron attended the SWQ meeting and learned about our two new weeds: tapegrass and curly leaf. We are unable to pull them because they are considered “native” species and require a different approach. SWQ will be studying this and Mike Lowery will give the board an update next month. The board is encouraging members to attend SWQ meetings and represent Dudley Pond when these decisions are being made. Wayland SWQ has a facebook page.

Jim Ogletree was accepting new 2016 memberships and said that 2015 membership was close to 200.

Deb Sarlin, a new member, has volunteered to help us update our website.

The Meeting was adjourned at 6:50PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Jacobs, Secretary