**DUDLEY POND ASSOCIATION**

**MINUTES OF SPRING MEETING – MAY 3, 2015**

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

It was determined that a quorum was present, and the meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM.

1. The minutes of the October 26, 2014 Fall Meeting were read by John Darack. A motion to accept them was made, seconded and passed unanimously.
2. The slate of officers was presented by Nomination Committee Chairman, Bob Smith. Nominees are:

President – Doron Almog

1st Vice President – Eric Macklin

2nd Vice President – John Darack

Treasurer – Jamie Pierce

Secretary – Lisa Jacobs

President Lisa Jacobs asked that votes be cast, and the slate was elected unanimously.

1. Eric Macklin presented a proposal to modify our Bylaws. In addition to several relatively minor changes in the interest of clarity, two substantive additions were suggested:
2. A Family Membership category be added;
3. A Member-At-Large position be added to the Board.

It was suggested that Members-At-Large and standing committee chairpersons be considered when determining the presence of a quorum.

It was suggested from the floor that a Family Membership apply to two or more individuals residing at the same address.

Additional suggestions were solicited, and a draft of the modified Bylaws will be mailed to the Membership to be voted on at our Fall 2015 meeting.

A discussion on voting qualification relative to when dues are paid ensued. There was some confusion on this matter, but it will be considered by the Board and clarification will be offered when the proposed Bylaw draft is mailed.

1. The Treasurer’s Report was presented by Jamie Pierce.

Highlights are:

Total inflow this year to date - $20,082

Total expenses - 6,451

Net - $13,631

Fund Balances –

Operating Fund

Check account balance $19,312

Middlesex Savings Bank CD 28,521

Total operating balance $47,834

Endowment Fund $100,289

Milfoil Fund 2,500

Total of all funds on hand $150,622

1. A Question and Answer discussion with Mike Lowery regarding weed control and general conditions in and around the Pond ensued. The following comments were made:

a. Alison Leclair has resumed her plant spotting activities.

b. Lisa asked about the status of our relatively new infestation of Tapegrass. Mike commented that we are asking for authority to control Tapegrass when it gets out of hand, but it has to be demonstrated that it is a nuisance. Removal has been documented to show the history of its expansive growth. At present, we have no sense of the cost to mechanically harvest it.

c. Algae removal – SWQC spent $2300 last year for harvesting to be done by a student.

d. Phosphorus control – Will be discussed with the Board of Health. Methods do exist, but this is not considered to be a major problem in Dudley Pond.

e. Concern was expressed about landscapers blowing leaves and debris into the Pond. It was suggested that we all raise this concern with our contractors.

1. Karen Lowery reported on the September 20, 2015 Fun Run event. She noted that this is both a community event and a DPA fund raiser. Proceeds pay the Town of Wayland 25% of weed control costs. Suggestions to make the event more successful include making an effort to find more sponsors – business, personal, refreshment sponsors and raffle sponsors. Get In Shape For Women will be a major sponsor this year.

Volunteers are needed to sell raffle tickets, before, during and after the event.

Run! Walk! Teams, individuals and kids are encouraged to get involved.

1. Membership update – We currently have 169 members. Doron’s goal for this year is to increase membership, perhaps by our hosting activities that increase awareness of DPA.

This year’s Newcomers’ event will be at Molly Upton’s home, 23B Bayfield Rd., on May 17 from 4:30 to 7:30.

1. Our Ice Cream Social will be on Saturday, June 25, the day before Fathers’ Day.
2. Wayland High School will be holding a cleanup day on Wednesday, June 20, and will clean yards for residents who are 60 years old or older. It was suggested that if not enough yards are to be cleaned, perhaps the students could concentrate on cleaning around the Pond.
3. Ideas were solicited for an appropriate memorial for Grace Olin, who passed away this year. It was suggested that the Harry Olin Award be changed to be the Harry and Grace Olin Award.
4. A suggestion to hold a Pond Cleanup Day was made. No date was scheduled. Jamie mentioned that water at the outlet dam had been 10 to 12 inches above the granite structure, and that Mike Lowery, Alison and Ella Leclair and Jamie had worked to clean the outlet brook, and that water flow out of the Pond had improved considerably.

It was announced that our Fall Meeting will be on Sunday, October 25, same time and same place.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John Darack, Secretary