**Dudley Pond Association Executive Committee Board Meeting**

**September 9, 2020**

Attendees: Doron Almog, Eric Macklin, Jamie Pierce, Lisa Jacobs, Naomi Deutscher, Bob Smith, Norm Marowitz, Marcia Filiurin via Google Meet.

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm

Agenda

* Eco-Harvester/ Pond Survey
* Sept. 20 event
* Newcomers Letter
* Finance/Donations
* Fall meeting

**Eco- Harvester/Pond Survey.**  Norm Marowitz told us that the Charles River Recreation’s Eco-Harvester has not been repaired yet and might not be available to use this year. Norm has been working with the town on finances for our own eco-Harvester, and believes that this investment would pay for itself within 3 years. There will be many layers to work through before we are in a position to purchase a new model for 2021.

Norm wants to commission a Pond Survey which would act as a blueprint for dealing with the pond going forward. The proposal uses underwater cameras to identify types of plants, densities, and locations. Jamie Pierce recommended that we approve this survey to be done in Sept. 2020 and to conduct one every five years. The DPA would contract directly with the survey company, Aquatic Restoration Consulting, Inc. (ARC). The DPA has allocated $15K for weed management this year which has not been used. Allison LaClaire who is very familiar with Dudley Pond will accompany ARC on the survey.

A motion was made and seconded to conduct a Pond Survey with ARC, according to Norms proposal, for $3759 and to conduct it ASAP. The motion passed unanimously.

**Sept. 20 event**. We decided to have a walk around the pond on Sept. 20, our Fun Run date, to appreciate the beauty of the pond, to remember those DPA’ers we have lost this year and to celebrate our wonderful community. We want to avoid too much bunching so we will ask people to leave their house at one of three separate times: 11am, 1pm and 3pm. We will have nametags available at a few intersections around the pond and several musicians have volunteered to play along the routes. The Fenno St. Jazz band will play on the Salitsky lawn from 3-5pm. Lisa will compose an eblast to review with the board, before sending the invitation to the DPA community.

**Newcomers letter.** 30 letters were sent out to newcomers to the pond, offering free membership for the first year. Two people have joined thus far.

**Donations/Fundraising:** We had received a $1000 anonymous donation which was to be used for a bench near the new boat launch ramp near the Chateau. We need to get an update to the ramp project from the town.

As part of the fundraising appeal in lieu of the Fun Run, the DPA raised $9325 and got 19 new contributing (individual) members. During a normal Fun Run event, we would have netted $11K which included *corporate* sponsors! As an organization, we need to acknowledge contributions greater than $250. We have also received donations from the Wayland Police- for a second time and Mathworks, for the first time, at $1000.

Lisa will send an eblast to the community with a final contribution request, along with a pond update..

We need to put the membership application on the website. Jamie will coordinate with Mike Margossian.

**Fall meeting, Oct. 25 from 6-7pm, via Zoom or Google Meet**. Jamie will check with the Attorney General or Sec’y of State to determine whether a remote meeting conforms with our by-laws. Eric will research his Harvard Zoom account to see how many participants can “attend”.

On the agenda will be voting on the budget, voting on a new slate of officers, the pond survey/harvester update, and an update on the Mansion Beach Restoration project and Boat Ramp. We will also discuss how we can continue our social events in 2021.

Lisa will send a “save the date” eblast to membership along with a brief pond update.

The next meeting is scheduled for Mon. Oct. 5 at 7 pm via Google Meet.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Jacobs

Secretary