**Dudley Pond Association Executive Committee Board Meeting**

**May 2, 2022**

(via Zoom)

Attendees: Eric Macklin, Jamie Pierce, Lisa Jacobs, Tim Dreher, Margo Melnicove, Doron Almog. Guests: Bob Smith, Karen Fahrner, Marie Thompson, Jim Lien. Not attending: Naomi Deutscher

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm.

1. Spring Membership meeting recap
   1. Margo welcomed as new Board member
   2. Boat launch not covered at membership meeting. Construction is pending clear title. Establishing clear title to the land is in the hands of Town Counsel.
2. Boat graveyard
   1. Rec Dept has tagged boats at Mansion Beach
   2. One abandoned boat at Outlet – as MWRA land, we would need to move that boat if we wanted the Town to handle it.
   3. A number of boats abandoned at the end of Maiden Lane – this land is under the management of the Highway Dept (DPW), thus would require coordination between Rec and DPW to handle at one time
   4. History of resistance to formalizing storage of boats at Mansion Beach discussed
   5. Options for DPA's involvement in when/how abandoned boats discussed and deferred
3. Plant exchange/sale
   1. Board happy to endorse as a DPA activity
   2. Concern about Board taking more than a support role endorsing the exchange and promoting it as a DPA activity
   3. Karen open to spearheading the planning. She proposes planning for a fall activity when we have enough time to plan fully
4. Band on the Boats
   1. Option for a "porchfest" style land-based series of venues seems most plausible
   2. Coordination among venues would be needed
   3. Margo offered to engage her Ukulele band and to coordinate with Allison LaClaire and Steve Robb
   4. Lisa suggested a barbeque at Mansion Beach afterwards
   5. Email membership to invite participation
5. Newcomers Potluck
   1. Lisa will create an invitation to hand deliver to newcomers who don’t have email addresses. Jim & Margo offered to deliver them.
   2. Lisa will send an eblast invitation to membership. We will postpone if the weather is iffy.
   3. We’ll check if we need to borrow a grill

1. Ice Cream Social
   1. Lisa will create a document about how-to-run the Ice Cream Social.
   2. Lisa will contact the Board of Health to see what limitations there might be for holding a public event outdoors. We may have to limit the ice cream to dixie cups and dilly bars.
   3. We will discuss how to publicize the event and get volunteers at the next meeting.
2. Fun Run
   1. There will be a separate meeting May 9 via Zoom. Sept 18 is the date and we decided to go ahead with the full event. We need volunteers. Jim and Margo agreed to help.
3. Pond Update
   1. Bob Smith reported seeing early milfoil growth near the Chat, near Jamie’s and in the middle of the pond but it’s too early to pull.
   2. Harvester purchase will part of the capital budget at the Town Meeting on Sat. May 14. We hope all DPA members will attend and support this warrant- #10. And it wil be helpful to have some DPA members be prepared to answer any questions that may come up. Lisa will send an eblast to membership about why it’s important and that it will save the town money.
4. Other business
   1. Margo thought we should create a list of contractors. DPA members can give us their recommendations and experience. We should brainstorm this a little and Lisa offered to help out. We can use the “Friends of Dudley Pond” Facebook page for this project.
   2. As a way to get more involvement in the DPA, Lisa agreed to identify the events/projects around the pond that we may choose to undertake and where we need volunteers.

**2022 Dudley Pond events**

* Newcomers Potluck -Sun. May 22
* Ice Cream Social Sat. June 18
* Music on the Pond –Sat. July 23 or 30
* Fun Run -Sun. Sept. 18
* Fall Meeting -Sun. Oct. 23

Next board meeting: June 7, 7pm. Zoom or in person ? - TBD

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Jacobs, Secretary

with assistance from Eric Macklin