**Dudley Pond Association Spring Meeting**

**April 24, 2022**

**Wayland Senior Center**

Board members present: Doron Almog, Eric Macklin, Lisa Jacobs, Jamie Pierce, Naomi Deutscher and Tim Dreher

The meeting was called to order at 5:05pm. This meeting was held at the senior center and also via Zoom. The Board and Newcomers that were present at the meeting introduced themselves.

**2022-23 Elections**

Doron gave a brief overview of Dudley Pond and then announced the 2022-23 Slate of Officers. Bob Smith, the nominating chair, asked if there any other nominations and after an explanation about the role of the member-at-large, Margo Melnicove threw her hat into the ring. Lisa Jacobs made a motion to elect the slate of officers as listed, with the addition of Margo Melnicove. The motion passed unaminously.

The 2022-23 DPA officers are:

President: Tim Dreher

1st VP: Doron Almog

2nd VP: Eric Macklin

Treasurer: Jamie Pierce

Secretary: Lisa Jacobs

Members-at-large: Naomi Deutscher, Ann Drouillet and Margo Melnicove.

**Fun Run**

Tim Dreher took over running the meeting and briefly discussed the Fun Run. We have decided to plan for the full run and the date is Sept. 18. There are flyers/sheets on each table about past sponsorships and suggestions/forms for new sponsorships. A formal Fun Run Committee will meet on May 9 via Zoom.

**PFA’s in the Wayland water**

Mike Lowery discussed the PFA levels in the pond and town’s plans to reduce it to safe levels, hopefully this spring.

**Pond Status**

For the benefit of newcomers to Dudley Pond, Norm Marowitz, and Bob Smith discussed the weed problem and its history, They also discussed the town players when it comes to weed management on Dudley Pond. Norm is on the Wayland Surface Water Quality (SWQ) committee.

The **water quality** is some of the cleanest in the state. The SWQ section of the Town website has a link to the DPA water quality report.

The **plants** are another issue. We will continue to handpull the Eurasian milfoil. We are no longer in the 3 year period that was guaranteed when we treated the pond in 2019. More milfoil is being spotted this spring. Tapegrass is now the major weed problem and the best solution is to use a Harvester. In the past, we have used outside vendors to harvest the tapegrass. We have to reserve the harvester in advance and we can’t predict when and how much tapegrass will appear. The better solution is to buy our own Harvester, controlling costs and doing the harvesting when needed.

Initially, the DPA voted to buy the Harvester with the intention of leasing it to the Town of Wayland who would operate it. This solution would give us more control over when we harvest, and it would save the town and the DPA a lot of money.

However, after the DPA approval, the town decided it would make more sense for them to purchase and operate the harvester. The town will include the harvester purchase in the capital budget, but this needs to be approved at the town Meeting on May 14. If approved, the Town will purchase and train the operators and we will be able to start using it late July or early August. We encourage all DPA residents to attend the Town Meeting on May 14 and vote for the warrant that covers the capital budget.

There were questions about the e-coli and other bacteria levels in the Pond. Specifically, how does the community get informed about these levels, especially if they are dangerous, which has occurred several times The board will discuss whether to notify everyone through our facebook page or whether to send an alert to our email list. There was also a suggestion that volunteers, including HS students, could clean up the poop on Mansion Beach which is responsible for some of the high e-coli readings.

**Treasurer Report/Budget**

Jamie reviewed the financials in detail and answered several questions from members.

**Mansion Beach project**

Karen Farnher is spearheading a project to clean up Mansion Beach and replace invasive weeds with native plants. She is working with the Rec. Dept. & DPW who divide up jurisdiction of the beach. There is no funding in either budget so the DPA will consider a budget for this. Since Mansion Beach is used for getting boats in and out of the water (including our Harvester), renovation may have to wait until the new Boat Launch Ramp is built near the Dudley Chateau, possibly next year.

Karen also mentioned that abandoned boats on or near Mansion Beach will be tagged and removed within the next 90 days.

A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 and dinner was served.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Jacobs

Secretary

**DPA Spring meeting**

**Sign-in list**

**In person**

Fred Pearson

Gloria Broderick

Judy Currier

Bob & Linda Smith

Norm Marowitz

Janet Buerklin & Jack Peters

Mike & Karen Lowery

Alice Boelter

Tom Klem

Doron Almog

Eric Macklin

Lisa Jacobs

Jamie Pierce

Naomi Deutscher

Alan Palevsky

Lynn Dowd

Evan Hadingham

Jenny Choi

Molly Upton

Linda Dryden

Trevor Carmick

Michelle Mizner

Ian Russell

Marie Larionne

Peter Murry

Matthew Wong & Karen Hors

Pat Krol

Gayle Archimbault & Larry

Dedra Beckett

Melissa Hay

Richard & Carol Lippman

**Via Zoom**

Margo Melnicove

Tim Dreher

David Robinson

Allison & Lafe LaClaire

Karen Farhner

Lisa Newton

Steve & Lynne Garone

Molly Upton

Roy Rothenberg

Jim Ogletree

Mike & Beck Leonard

Meghan Littlefield ?