Upcoming Events!

SPRING MEETING – SUNDAY MAY 2nd - 5PM

Free Spaghetti dinner at Wayland Town Hall Sr. Center

Vote New Board:
President - Open
1st VP – Lisa Jacobs
2nd VP – Open (or Lafe LaClaire)
Secretary – Susan Green
Treasurer – Jamie Pierce

Vote Statement on Dudley Woods:

The DPA's mission is the health of Dudley Pond. We believe the proposed Dudley Woods plan will have a neutral or positive impact on the health of the Pond. We cannot evaluate other proposed uses without specific plans. For any proposal we will do all we can to require there be no negative impact. Zero impact may be very hard to achieve for plans involving commercial development.

Town Meeting – Begins Monday May 10th
Those interested in the Dudley Woods article(s) will want to attend Town Meeting.

Newcomers Pot-Luck – 4:30 PM Sunday May 23rd
Greet newcomers to our community at Susan Green's home at 3 Priscilla Path

Ice Cream Social - June 20th Noon - 3PM
Come to Mansion Beach on Father's Day and enjoy a little ice-cream and/or Kayaking and a generally festive atmosphere.

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www.dudleypond.org **DUDLEY POND ASSOCIATION** Spring 2010

Dear DPA Members,

This winter offered some very good ice-skating at times, and I saw plenty of fishermen, ski-tracks and dog-walking on the pond. It was great to see so many people enjoying the winter season. Spring is ramping up above and below the surface of the pond.

Once again while many enjoyed the winter season, a few dedicated DPA volunteers were hard at work planning our two major activities. Karen Lowery was getting Fun-Run planning started to help us raise enough money to keep husband Mike's milfoil assault well funded.

In case any of you have forgotten the milfoil, or were hoping that we would be able to take a breather, this newsletter will give you a more realistic picture of the milfoil situation. We are very lucky to have Mike who is willing to put substantial effort into methodically tracking, understanding and managing milfoil. We are also fortunate that the town has been able to continue funding the SWQC, and that SWQC continues to be a very capable and effective advocate for addressing the needs of Dudley Pond along with all other Wayland bodies of water.

Our good fortune should not be taken for granted as the battle with milfoil is unlikely to be won anytime soon. Analysis of data collected during last summers diver hand-pulling and surface surveying shows that a fairly large number of plants survived the Sonar treatment and that Milfoil is already widespread throughout the pond. Inside, Mike shares plans for this summer.

Meanwhile, the Wayland Neighbors for Responsible Land Use, most of whom are DPA members or near neighbors, have put a huge amount of effort into developing a plan, and associated warrant articles, to preserve town-owned land on Doran Rd. The DPA charter does not extend to passing judgment on land-use, but preserving the Doran Road parcel from development is a good way to protect the pond, and avoids many challenging issues we would face if the town wanted to develop the land without negative consequences for Dudley Pond.

The association is in good financial condition (additional support is always welcome), but what the association really needs to handle these challenges is for more people to get involved as leaders (on the board or leading events). Please contact any board member if you are willing to get involved.

Thank You,

Lafe LaClaire

DPA President

Dudley Pond Board 2009-2010
- President – Lafe LaClaire
- 1st Vice President – Jack Peters
- 2nd Vice President – Danielle Smith
- Treasurer – Jamie Pierce
- Secretary – Lisa Jacobs

Spring Meeting

May 2nd, 5:00 PM
at the Wayland Town Hall Senior Center
See Page 4 for Important Vote Information!
Agenda:
- Milfoil Update
- Fun Run Planning
- Upcoming Events
-Doran Road Discussion / Vote
- Treasurer's report
- Elect New Board

Dudley Pond Association Boutique Price List

Ladies Adult T-Shirt	$9	(S only)
Adult T-Shirt	$9	(M, L, XL, XXL)
Youth T-Shirt	$9	(XS, S, M, L)
Long sleeve Ladies T-shirt	$12	(S and M only)
Long sleeve Adult T-shirt	$12	(L and XL only)
Adult Crew Sweatshirt	$14	(S, M, L, XL, XXL)
Adult Hooded Sweatshirts	$20	(S, M, L, XL)
Totes	$17	

Merchandise will be available for purchase at Spring Meeting

Milfoil: **No-Good Weed Goes Unpunished? Hardly!**

By Mike Lowery

During summer 2008, we treated Dudley Pond with fluridone (Sonar™) – and hand-pulled 6000 milfoil plants at season-end. Over summer 2009 we aggressively hand pulled, removing over 18,000 plants – 7,000 of which appeared to be 'old-growth' plants which had survived the fluridone treatment.

We concentrated by areas, marking plant clusters with green buoys so divers could work efficiently. Our applicator, Aquatic Control Technology visited to inspect surviving plants and new growth atop seeming dead plants. We were all surprised by the number of fluridone-surviving plants; after good control all summer, plants continued to grow into the fall.

After it became too cold to dive, we surveyed remaining plants over three weeks - there were hundreds of GIS-located plant clusters, likely more than could be safely controlled by hand-pulling.

What's the plan for 2010?

For 2010 we plan to use triclopyr (Renovate OTF™) to spot treat 12-15 acres and hand-pull the rest of the pond. Hand pulling efforts at the start of the season will focus on large surviving plants, and in areas not planned for spot treatment

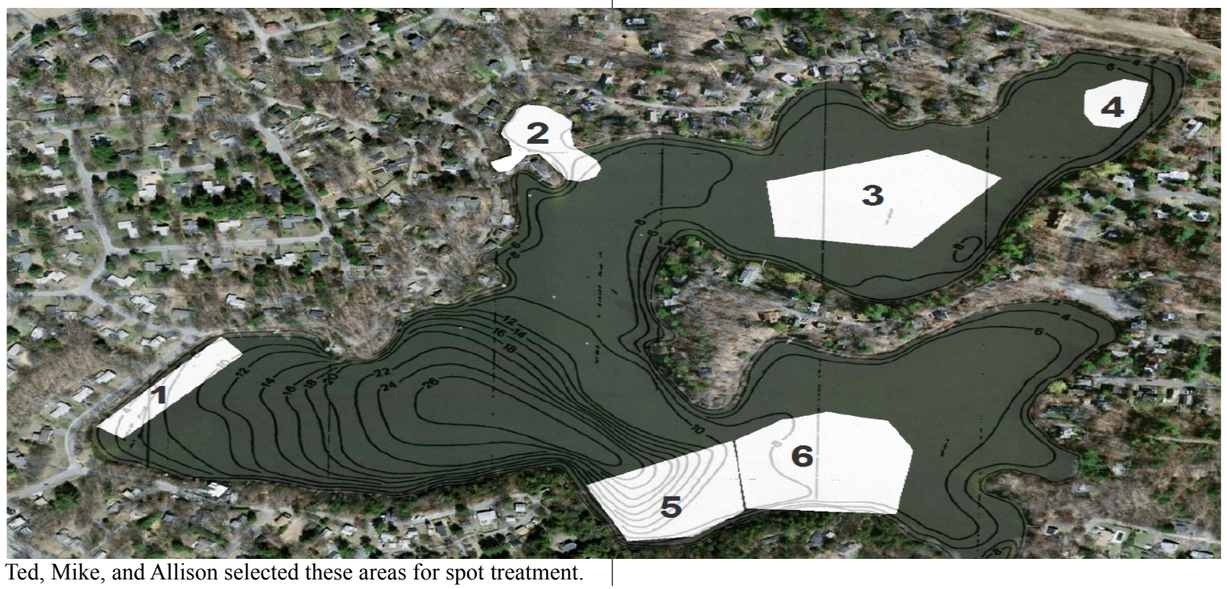
We plan to spot treat in all the areas on the map below. The DPA will cover 25% of the cost of most areas, but will cover 100% of the cost to treat areas 2 and 4 as SWQC's treatment budget ran out (SWQC still has funds for hand-pulling).

SWQC will be presenting our plans to the Conservation Commission. Spot treatment is already permitted under our Order of Conditions so we expect to be able to carry out the planned spot-treatment.

Read the complete 2009 Dudley Pond year-end report at:
http://www.dudleypond.org/

DPA & Surface Water Quality Committee long range goals:

- Steady-state control of invasive milfoil thru a combination of hand-pulling, and spot herbicide treatment.
- Reduce the milfoil population to a level it can be suppressed by hand-pulling using as little spot herbicide as necessary.
- Reduce nutrients, especially phosphorus, entering Dudley Pond.
- SWQC submitted a proposal to the MA Department of Environmental protection for a $50,000 federally-funded study of phosphorus entering Dudley Pond



Ted, Mike, and Allison selected these areas for spot treatment.

The 14th Annual Dudley Pond Run/Walk and Kids Run
Sunday, September 12, 2010

Be a DPA volunteer for the Dudley Pond Run/Walk and Kids Run, our biggest fundraiser of the year! There are volunteer opportunities before, during and after race day. We can use your help signing up sponsors, preparing flyers, selling raffle tickets, making signs, handing out ribbons at the Kids' Run, delivering prizes to raffle winners and more. Meet your neighbors and make an important contribution toward the health and preservation of the Dudley Pond watershed. Join us! Contact:

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Thank you!