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## 01/03/2012 Minutes

**VISION 2020 ENVIRONMENT TASK GROUP SPY POND COMMITTEE**

**JANUARY 3, 2012 MEETING**

**Town Hall Annex, First Floor**

Approved Feb. 7, 2012

**In attendance:** Brad Barber, Bill Eykamp, Jacob Friis, Joey Glushko, Jane Howard, Elizabeth Karpati, Bob & Harriet Noyes, Steve Ricci, Stroker Rogovin, Dick Terry.

**Facilitator:** Steve Ricci      **Minutes:** Elizabeth Karpati

**Next meetings:** 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 7, March 6, April 3, May 1, June 5, Aug. 7 (tentative), Sept. 4, Oct. 2, Nov. 6, Dec. 4. Town Hall Annex, first floor.

- The November 2011 **minutes** were approved as presented; the December minutes were approved with two corrections.
- **Warrant article for water bodies fund:** Jane will draft it, asking for \$50,000 to take care of both Spy Pond and the Res, and will check the text with Town Counsel.
- The question of whether to ask also for **private contributions** to the water bodies fund was discussed. Any appeal should be Town-wide since people from all over town use the water bodies. It could be project-specific (e.g. for water chestnut control) or for maintenance in general. Nothing should be done until after the Fin Com has reviewed the warrant article. The primary role of the Spy Pond Committee should be not fund raising but telling the Fin Com what the needs of the water bodies are – probably an annual average of \$40,000 but higher this year because both Spy Pond and the Res need extensive treatment.
- Spy Pond needs to be monitored carefully to make sure a **water chestnut** infestation does not get started.
- The **Board of Health** will meet on Wednesday, February 1 at the Senior Center, and some Spy Pond members should attend. The Board is working on a policy statement on swimming restrictions due to microcystis algae.
- The **fertilizer flyer** should note the dates of Trails Day, May 12, and the EcoFest, March 31. Publicizing the latter would only be useful if the flyer is distributed before the end of March. Jane will check the date of the next Neighborhood Newsletter, which usually carries the flyer as an insert.
- **Coming Events:**
  - **Rain Gardens:** MyRWA has received funding for one or two more rain gardens in Arlington. On Tuesday, January 17, at 7 p.m. there will be a hearing in the Robbins Library Community Room on possible locations.
  - **Benefit concert:** February 4 at 7:30 p.m. at the Unitarian-Universalist Church to help save the silver maple forest in the Alewife Reservation.
  - The **EcoFest** on March 31 will focus on food, especially locally grown food. Not too relevant to Spy Pond but we should have a table anyway, perhaps in cooperation with another group such as Sustainable Arlington. We could display state data on edibility of Spy Pond fish. Brad will try to get the data.
- The North American Lake Management Society journal has an article on lake food webs by a local person. He could be invited to be a **speaker** at a Spy Pond meeting.