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VISION 2020 ENVIRONMENT TASK GROUP
 FEBRUARY 7, 2012 MEETING
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SPY POND COMMITTEE
 Town Hall Annex, First Floor

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

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

Next meetings: 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, 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 **minutes** of the previous meeting were accepted as presented.
- Copies of the 2012 **fertilizer flyer** were distributed. It will go out with the *Neighborhood Newsletter* and be distributed by high school students in the rest of the watershed. It was noted that the flyers should be dated (show the year) and the spelling checked for sense as well as by spell-check, e.g. phosphorus (noun) vs. phosphorous (adjective).
- Jane and Bill reported on the Board of Health discussion on **microcystis algae**. The Board plans to put up permanent “advisory” signs which show the website where current conditions will be posted. The problem is difficult to pinpoint because algae concentrate in scum, which gets blown around by the wind.
- The **water bodies fund** is on the Finance Committee’s agenda for Monday, February 27. Teresa DeBenedictis will attend and has a spreadsheet with the financial data. Representatives of the Con Com and all three environmental committees need to attend too. Steve noted that we should have a list of treatments done and other accomplishments like Trails Days and the phragmites project; he will work on one.
- The **EcoFest** (March 31) will focus on food, so the relevance of Spy Pond is questionable. The Schwamb Mill will participate because it once ground spices and grain; could we join with them and exhibit something about ice harvesting? The consensus was that we should probably “give it a pass” this year except for using it to publicize Trails Day and perhaps displaying the fertilizer flyer.
- **Trails Day**, Saturday, May ---12, 9 – 1. Jane cannot be there this year but has the equipment like tents and paint to mark poison ivy. Stroker reviewed assignments for committee members and will prepare a press release to be put out in March as advance notice and again later as a reminder. Brad suggested putting up some bat houses along the path, and on Elizabeth Island in cooperation with the Land Trust.