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## 11/01/2011 Minutes

**VISION 2020 ENVIRONMENT TASK GROUP**  
**NOVEMBER 1, 2011 MEETING**    **Approved 1/3/2012**

**SPY POND COMMITTEE**  
**Town Hall Annex, First Floor**

**In attendance:** Brad Barber, Bill Eykamp, Jacob Friis, Joey Glushko, Jane Howard, Elizabeth Karpati, Harriet Noyes, Steve Ricci.

**Facilitator:** Jacob Friis    **Minutes:** Elizabeth Karpati

**Next meeting:** 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, Town Hall Annex, first floor.

- The **minutes** of the previous meeting were accepted as presented.

### Spy Pond Weeds:

- Phragmites has been sprayed including the patch on land along Rt. 2. Some of the regrowth in the water was not developed enough to be sprayed now and would need to be treated with another chemical later.
- Replanting after phragmites: Plan in the spring after a walk-through to identify any other invasives and check whether decaying roots need to be broken up. We may be able to get surplus cattails from Hills Pond – Jane will check. Note that Kelwyn Manor Park and Elizabeth Island are private property, not ours to replant.
- Mass Audubon has a plan for the top of the island and the shore facing Spy Pond Park but plans to leave the rest of it wild. Plans are to remove the buckthorn but leave the greenbrier and just create a vista above it.
- Weeds in water may have been encouraged by very clear water. They include more sago pondweed than milfoil, can be treated with Diquat.
- We need a list of treatments done, with dates and chemicals used. The Finance Committee wants data on historical and expected costs. Jane will ask Teresa at DPW for cost data for the December 6 meeting. Invite representatives of the Menotomy Rocks Park and Mystic Lakes groups to bring their information on treatments and costs to this meeting.
- The waterbodies fund contains \$20,000 but we need \$30,000 each for the next two years, including water chestnut harvesting for the Res. Steve suggested identifying abutters who could be asked for funds, like Spy Pond abutters for the phragmites project. The Res has no real abutters, but regular users like birdwatchers and dog walkers could be asked.
- Joey will look for funding for something like a ramp at the Res to avoid erosion damage by the harvesting machine. Cost is estimated at \$14,000, and the waterbodies fund is not designed to pay for things like a ramp.

### Other:

- The Board of Health plans to discuss the problem of microcystis algae and issuing and lifting swimming prohibitions at its November 2 meeting.
- The warrant opens December 1 and closes the second week in January.
- Trails Day will be on May 12, 2012. Stroker will chair it again.
- The census survey will focus on getting the Town ready to create a master plan. Perhaps an item about the Town's responsibility for its water bodies could be included. The annual appropriation for the fund is less than \$1 per person.
- Meetings for 2012 were proposed for the first Tuesday of each month, except July: Jan. 3, Feb. 7, March 6, April 3,

May 1, June 5, Aug. 7, Sept. 4, Oct. 2, Nov. 6, Dec. 4. If anyone sees a problem with any of the proposed dates, please notify Elizabeth.

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