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## Draft Minutes 09/08/2009

VISION 2020 ENVIRONMENT TASK GROUP

SPY POND COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER 8, 2009 MEETING - Draft

Town Hall Annex, First Floor

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

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

**Next meetings:** 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, October 13, November 10, December 8.

Town Hall Annex, First Floor Conference Room.

### Phragmites:

- Steve reported that most abutters appear to be in favor of the planned control efforts, following several meetings this summer with some abutters and with the Con Com.
- We will ask the Con Com for approval at its September 17 meeting. A permit will be good for three years. Special conditions will have to be observed to protect the endangered Engelmann's umbrella sedge if it grows anywhere near the phragmites.
- There are about 100 lots around the pond, and about 250 addresses including the condo units. Envelopes were stuffed at the end of the meeting with a letter to all abutters including the condo dwellers, explaining the project and asking for a contribution of \$100 via the waterbodies fund to help pay for the project. The Kelwyn Manor Association, which owns the park where one of the two big phragmites patches is located, plans to contribute "proportionately."
- Phase 1 will treat the reeds on public property, i.e. up to the high water mark. Written permission of the owner is required for treatment on privately owned land.
- The window of opportunity for spraying is about the next six weeks, until the first frost. The year after the reeds die, any that grew on land will need to be replaced with desirable plants so that invasives will not find empty spaces to colonize.
- At Town Day, September 26, the Spy Pond Committee will have copies of the letter and the contribution form, with a tear-off receipt at the bottom. We will also have samples of some of the plants that can be used to replace phragmites. Eventually we should have a list of recommended plants.