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## Minutes 04/09/2008

**VISION 2020 ENVIRONMENT TASK GROUP**  
**APRIL 9, 2008 MEETING**

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

**In attendance:** Frances Cameron, Bill Eykamp, Jacob Friis, Joey Glushko, Jane Howard, Elizabeth Karpati, Steve Ricci, Stroker Rogovin, Dick Terry.

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

**Next meeting:** 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 13, 2008, Town Hall Annex, First Floor.

### Miscellany:

- The minutes of the March meeting were accepted as presented.
- It was decided to do away with the Yahoo group and use a mailing list; Steve will compile it.
- Most fertilizer flyers have been distributed, last ones about to be done.
- Egg-adding is in progress, 22 eggs found on island last Saturday.

### Trails Day, May 10, 9 – 1:

- Objectives: Prune vistas, pull invasives and mark for re-treatment in the fall.
- Preparations:
- Joey: ask MassHighway to mow before May 10; print waiver forms; get porta-john.
- Stroker: publicity (press release). Dick: contact Scouts.
- Elizabeth: trash bags and point out invasives. Bill & Jacob: Table.
- Jacob: snacks; Steve: coffee and doughnuts.
- Bill: map of poison ivy; Jane: paint for marking poison ivy; wheelbarrow.

### Other coming events:

- Kayak/canoe rental: Sunday afternoons, May 4, June 1, July 6, August 3, September 14. Park & Rec handles contract and administration, including publicity; Dave Kopans will also put details on the Spy Pond website. No tickets sold on-site; people need to sign up and pay in advance at Park & Rec.
- Sandbar: A meeting is scheduled in late April with John Bean. MassHighway seems willing to remove it if the Town will handle the permitting, and the Town seems ready to do that.
- On May 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Selectmen's Hearing Room there will be an orientation session for all who expressed interest in task groups on the Census Survey. Each group or committee should be represented and ready to explain its goals and projects.
- The Vision 2020 year-end event is planned for Thursday, June 12 (probably 6-8 p.m.) as a potluck at McClennen Park.

### Water treatment:

- Waterbodies article was unanimously supported by the Finance Committee, including the request for \$15,000. Allen Tosti will present the home rule petition as to be voted in case the Legislature still hasn't acted on the 2006 petition.
- The notice of intent for herbicide treatment was filed and the state asked for more information. There is no management plan for the pond as such – should this committee do one? But does it have “standing” since the Town doesn't really own the pond? (There is a sample, for the Reservoir, in the new Open Space Plan which will soon be put on the Town website.) Presence of a threatened sedge which was found at Spy Pond Park may limit what treatment will be permitted.