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## Minutes 06/10/2008

**VISION 2020 ENVIRONMENT TASK GROUP**  
**JUNE 10, 2008 MEETING**

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

**In attendance:** Kathy & Victor Carpenter, Bill Eykamp, Rita Filipowicz, Jacob Friis, Joey Glushko, Jane Howard, Elizabeth Karpati, Steve Ricci, Stroker Rogovin, Clarissa Rowe, Dick Terry. **Facilitator:** Jacob Friis **Minutes:** Elizabeth Karpati

**Next meetings:** 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 9, Oct. 17, Nov. 12, Dec . 9, 2008;  
 Town Hall Annex, First Floor except Nov. 12 in Selectmen's Hearing Room.

- The **minutes** of the previous meeting were approved.
- Jane gave another update on the progress of the 2006 **waterbodies** warrant article. *[It has since been passed by the legislature and signed by the Governor.]*
- The Selectmen are willing to write to MassHighway about the **sandbar**. Jacob has a draft letter which Clarissa will review.
- **Weed treatment** cannot be done without state approval because of the presence of an endangered sedge along the shore. The Con Com has already given approval (with some conditions) which is valid for three years. Gerry Smith said last year that treatment would be required in 2009 if not done in 2008. The Town Manager has put an appropriation for it into the DPW budget. We need to make sure that everything (money, permits, arrangement with Gerry Smith) is in place in time for treatment next spring.
- Three pairs of **swans** are nesting on the pond this year; they have 3 +1 + 7 cygnets. Only one group of goslings (6) has been reported.
- Victor saw a **coyote** in his backyard, next to Bill's house, and a dead goose was found in the reeds below Bill's house. Geese don't come ashore in that area.
- Plans for **website**: Joey will put Dave Kopans, who put up our website, in touch with the Town webmaster. The Town site could be used for current material like announcements and minutes, with a link to our website for longer-term material, including pictures.
- **Canoe rentals**: The first day, in May, was cancelled due to lack of sign-ups and bad weather. About six people participated in June. Having to register in advance at the Recreation Dept. may be a deterrent and this policy may be changed.
- **Topic for next meeting**: a management plan for the whole pond?