

**VISION 2020 ENVIRONMENT TASK GROUP
OCTOBER 4, 2016 MEETING**

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

In attendance: Brad Barber, Bill Eykamp, Jane Howard, Steve Ricci, Stroker Rogovin, Cheryl Miller, Ben Ferber, Agnes O'Donnell

Facilitator: Brad Barber

Minutes: Agnes O'Donnell

2016 meetings: 7:30 p.m. first Tuesdays, Town Hall Annex, first floor.

2016 dates: Nov. 1, Dec. 6. **2017 dates:** Jan. 3, Feb. 7, Mar. 7, Apr. 4, May 2, June 5

- **Canoe and kayak rental at Spy Pond Park.** The committee will reach out to the Recreation Department to encourage continuation of the rentals next summer.
- **Town Day.** Discussion centered around response of visitors and location of the booth.
- **Phragmites Treatment.** The DPW asked Solitude Lake Management to treat the remaining phragmites around Spy Pond. On October 5, two people with backpacks will treat, individually, every stalk of phragmites on the land around Spy Pond. A botanist from Oxbow Associates will protect the rare Engelmann's Umbrella Sedge. Brad responded by email to several worries expressed about the treatment plan.
- **Milfoil and filamentous algae.** During the phragmites treatment, Solitude Lake Management will check for milfoil and algae near Rock Island.
- **Asian clams.** Asian clams were first seen on Spy Pond last spring. They are common now. Solitude Lake Management said that these claims are a nuisance, but not as bad as Zebra mussels. There does not appear to be a way to control Asian clams.
- **47 Spy Pond Lane.** Ben, also an active member of the local neighborhood group, reported that the developer has not provided documents requested by the Con Comm. A letter submitted to the neighborhood group by the developer's lawyer shows revised plans that contain no change in proposed buffer zone setback. Friends of Spy Pond Park and Arlington Land Trust have come out against the developer's plan.
- Bill recommended an exhibit about the Charles River at the Museum of Science. He also reported that 'Rock Island' has been visible all summer, because of the low water level.
- The meeting ended with discussion and viewing of photos of Englemann's Sedge.