

VISION 2020 ENVIRONMENT TASK GROUP

Minutes of Meeting

March 7, 2017

SPY POND COMMITTEE

Town Hall Annex, First Floor

In attendance: Brad Barber, Bob and Harriet Noyes, Stroker Rogovin, Jane Howard, Dick Terry, Cheryl Miller, Agnes O'Donnell, Mary Kate Charron, Steve Ricci

Facilitator: Brad Barber

Minutes: Steve Ricci

2017 meetings: 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Town Hall Annex, first floor, April 4, May 2, June 6 (social-location TBD), Sept 5, Oct. 3, Nov. 7, Dec. 5.

- The **minutes** of the meeting held February 7th were reviewed and accepted with corrections.
- There was a discussion of the **large variety of bird and animal life** recently observed on the pond including a large flock of mergansers, several great herons and a coyote.
- There had been a report of what appeared to be an oil slick near the inflow point from route 2 but it has apparently dissipated. Later there was question of a foam blown onto the northern shoreline. It was believed to be of natural sources whipped up by recent exceptionally strong winds and waves.
- Dick Terry reviewed the final version of the “**Fertilizer Flyer**” and plans for its distribution. It was suggested and agreed that the flyer should also be posted on the Spy Pond website. It will be distributed to all households in the watershed by student volunteers.
- Brad reported on the presentation of the “**Water Bodies Warrant Article**” before the FinCom led by the Conservation Commission and supported by various related groups. The requested funds include work for Menotomy Rocks Park and Reed's Brook/ McLennen Park in addition to the ongoing work at the “Res” and Spy Pond. Subsequently it was learned that the full request (\$55,000) was unanimously approved. Next step is approval at Town Meeting.
- Stroker reviewed the plans for **Trails Day was set for May 13th**. It was reported that the A/B Rowing Club, which supplied a lot of workers in 2016, had conflicts that day, and we were to explore whether they could do an independent effort on May 6th.
- The topic of recommending or possibly assisting **abutter participation in shoreline stabilization** was revisited. The consensus seemed to be to await the refinement of costs and learn from the upcoming deployment experience of the ConCom-CPA program along the Town owned shores.