

**VISION 2020 ENVIRONMENT TASK GROUP
SEPTEMBER 1, 2015 MEETING**

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

In attendance: Brad Barber, Bill Eykamp, Joey Glushko, Jane Howard, Elizabeth Karpati, Ellie McCarthy, Sheryl Miller, Agnes O'Donnell, Stroker Rogovin, Dick Terry.

Facilitator: Brad Barber

Minutes: Elizabeth Karpati

2015 meetings: 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Oct. 6, *Oct. 27*, Dec. 1. Town Hall Annex, first floor.

- The **minutes** of the May meeting were approved as presented; the minutes of the August meeting were approved as amended.
- **Town Day, Sept.12:** Vision 2020 will have three 10 x 10 ft. spaces as usual, at the end of the traffic island near the Library. Diversity and Reservoir will have the two end spaces for their activities. There is no electric connection, but a video could be shown on a battery-powered laptop.
- **Water treatment:** A botanist named Brett Trowbridge is all set to do a survey for the “endangered” Engelmann’s Umbrella Sedge, which the USDA calls not a species but a variety of a more common species and which is abundant enough in some areas of the country to be considered a problem there. Depending on what the survey finds, the NOI which was closed (approved by the Con Com) may have to be reopened and another hearing held before treatment can be permitted next spring.
- Once approved, an NOI is valid for six years. We need one that permits the use of a variety of pesticides because the pond is infested with different weed species which need different treatments. E.g., “Sonar” is a foliar herbicide used against Eurasian milfoil in the spring, when there are no E.U.S. plants, only seeds.