

VISION 2020 ENVIRONMENT TASK GROUP
Minutes of Meeting
January 8th, 2019

SPY POND COMMITTEE

Town Hall Annex, First Floor

In attendance: Brad Barber, Teresa DeBenedictis (Town DPW), Harriet Noyes, Bob Noyes, Jacob Friis, Stroker Rogovin, Agnes O'Donnell, Judi Berman, Bill Eykamp, Brian Battuello, Jane Howard (from 8:15) and Steve Ricci

Facilitator: Brad Barber

Minutes: Steve Ricci

Next meeting: February 5, 2018

- The **minutes** of the meeting held December 4th, 2018 were reviewed and approved.
- Teresa DeBenedictis led the group through her water-bodies-budget spread sheet. Actual expenditures in FY2019 to date were aligned against likely additional requirements prior to June 30th. There were reductions as well as additions to various line items. There was discussion of 2 RFPs to go out soon. The first for a survey to establish baseline conditions of the pond (prior to any treatment) with another mid-season assessment for plants that mature later in the summer. The second RFP is for the treatment of the pond based on what we now understand and might to learn from the survey. Teresa was to furnish the committee with the resultant updated version of the spread sheet.
- It was noted that DPW and Conservation Commission are in the process of transferring administration of the Water Bodies Fund to the Con Comm (Emily Johnson). Ms. DeBenedictis left the meeting at 8:30PM
- The group reviewed the revised “fertilizer flyer” and considered it ready to go although we wondered aloud if this is really changing any behavior but recognize it is at least educational.
- There was more discussion on the meeting between Steve and Brad and David White and Emily Johnson of Con Comm. The meeting came about from the alert this Committee had raised last fall and resulted in the program to secure a baseline survey, separate from treatment, mentioned in the discussion above.
- Brad circulated drafts of both RFPs that might serve as templates for the final versions.
- We discussed securing additional signage with graphics and the slogan “STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS” for locations where boats are brought to the pond and launched. SpyPond Park ramp, Kelwyn Manor ramp, bottom of Gould Road, storage area for racing shells.
- Brad will attend a meeting at the end of the month to further explore the feasibility of seeking one of approx. six grants to be awarded by the State under its DEP 604B for Water Quality Management.
- The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM