



## **Spy Pond Committee**

Date: Tuesday, September 7th, 2021  
Time: 7:30pm  
Location: Teleconference

Minutes – DRAFT

*Attendance: Brad Barber, Brian Battuello, Dick Terry, Elaine Crowder, Agnes O'Donnell, Judy Berman, Stoker Rogovin, Bill Eykamp, Steve Ricci*

Facilitator: Brad Barber  
Minutes: Brian Battuello

1. Introductions
2. Sandbar update

Bill reported that the sandbar project was complete. Between 300 and 400 tons of sand were removed. Several specialized containers were filled with lead-contaminated sand and other material. The area closest to the Rt. 2 storm drain was not dredged due to embedded rocks.

3. Seed packet initiative for replanting

Elaine Crowder discussed having town approved seed packets for replanting after clearing invasive plants. Stoker reviewed the Route 2 cleanup project and pond access along the path. Brad suggested using the packets at the cleanup.

4. Spy Pond Notice of Intent update

The permit for treating Spy Pond has expired. Solitude and the Conservation Commission are working on renewing it.

## 5. Algae update

The pond had a major algae bloom in August. Bill said it was very dense. Brad surveyed the members on various corners of the pond. Bill and Brad discussed sediment on an anchor remaining from the dredging project. The 5" mushroom anchor had between a foot and two feet of dense mud on top of it. The soft silt near Bill's dock is four feet deep.

## 6. Foldscope, Cyanos, and algae counts

Brad discussed various methods for determining the size of an algae bloom.

## 7. Spiny naiad and curly-leaf pondweed updates

Brad talked about the recent treatments. He described some beneficial algae that were present in the pond. Discussion of the swan family starting flight training.

## 8. SWCA survey and review of Spy Pond

Brad talked with the manager of the SWCA survey. They have assigned several people to work on the pond. They will start September 17<sup>th</sup>. They will report in late fall.

## 9. Catch basin cleaning, deep sumps, and surface catch basins

Catch basins in the Kelwyn Manor area were mucked out by the Kelwyn Manor Association. A hydrodynamic separator was installed at the base of Alfred Road. Bill noted that the swales on the north side of Pleasant street are not effective.

## 10. New business

No new business.

## 11. The next meeting will be October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021

## 12. The meeting was adjourned at 8:46pm.