

FRIENDS OF SPY POND PARK Meeting Minutes – June 5, 2011

The meeting was held at the home of Karen Grossman, 32 Hamilton Road, Arlington. **In attendance:** Karen Grossman, President; Sally Hempstead, Elizabeth Karpati, Marshall McCloskey, Gail McCormick, Lally Stowell, Philip Tedesco, and Bev Williams. **Minutes** of April 3 were approved as circulated.

Treasurer's report - Jane Whitmore sent the following: Checking Account-\$10,008.63., C.D.-\$3,007.45 Year to date: dues-\$840, donations (over and above dues)-\$740. Number of 2011 dues paying members so far: 41, 15 of whom made additional donations. Annual appeal letter mailing was held at Karen's home on May 11th, with 8 volunteers assisting. Jane has filed the tax return with the Public Charities Report and also has filed the annual report.

Beautification Committee: *Bulletin board*- no takers from the Internet postings. After the next work day, Karen will write to the Advocate, thanking the volunteers and asking if someone is willing to repair the board. *Work day, June 11* – Gail and Bev met at the park with Doris and are ready to coordinate the Work Day. *Tree*-a tree has been planted by the playground and members are taking turns watering it. *Poison ivy* – the small amount in the planting beds can be pulled by a brave volunteer! Notice of Intent (NOI), a costly process for which the Town does not have money, is needed to treat the poison ivy on the embankment. *Path erosion* – Karen has contacted the company representatives who installed StaLok® at Linwood to look at erosion, runoff, and discussing resurfacing the handicapped ramp.

Website: Fred Moses, web master, is preparing a Links page for the FSPP webpage. Photos will be added as the season progresses. Marshall is now doing the e-mail, keeping the address list up to date, and recording donations. Thanks to both men for their expert contributions.

Outreach: Jacki Katzman sent articles to the Advocate and made flyers for houses of worship and shops in town. She posted the Work Day on websites including sustainablearlington, wickedarlington, boston.com, yourarlington, and bostonfamily. Elizabeth Karpati will be in touch with St. Agnes' school to recruit young volunteers. Linda Shoemaker, staffer at Arlington Center for the Arts, created a Facebook page for Friends of Spy Pond Park. *Public Service Announcement* – Karen asked Lally and Jacki to inquire about the possibility of doing a new PSA with acmitv.

Newsletter: Doris has written an article on invasive plants for the summer newsletter. Betsy Leondar-Wright will explain summer and fall special events. Deadline for fall newsletter: September 15. Karen moved, and Gail seconded the motion that we list, once a year in the newsletter, donors by categories of giving. MOTION PASSED.

Brochure: Draft looks good! We agreed to keep the green paper and, in small print, add the date of publication.

Shakespeare in the Parks: "Macbeth" will be performed at Spy Pond Field on Sunday, July 10th at 5p.m. FSPP will be allowed to have a table. Board members supported the fundraiser held on June 2nd.

Next Meeting: Sunday, August 7, 2011, 7pm, 32 Hamilton Road, Arlington.

Respectfully submitted, Bev Williams, Secretary