

Friends of Spy Pond Park Meeting Minutes
May 5, 2013

The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Karen Grossman, 32 Hamilton Road, Arlington, MA. Present were Karen Grossman, President; Lally Stowell, Sally Hempstead, Marshall McCloskey, Elizabeth Karpati, and Bev Williams. Everyone expressed appreciation for the beauty of spring in the park. Minutes of February 17th were approved as distributed.

Treasurer's report: Public Charities reports have been filed. Marshall has also submitted the necessary form to the federal government. Year to date: \$1300 donations, includes a \$1200 gift from Monsanto and \$165 in dues. Expenses year to date: \$933.60, CD - \$3,016. Checking account: \$14,202.
Karen will write the annual **membership and donation appeal letter** and solicit volunteers to help to prepare the mailing this month.

Beautification committee: Shed is back on its foundation, thanks to Marshall and volunteers from BU Global Day of Service. Marshall also repaired the wheelbarrow and prepared a flat space for the portable toilet. Bev and Wally are monitoring the toilet, which is clean and cared for at this time.

Thanks to Marshall, and to Lally, in charge of Work Days. She has labeled all the planting beds and taken pictures of invasive plants. There were 13 BU alumni at the first Work Day, when much-needed work after the winter was accomplished. Volunteers need to stop work at 3:40 so that all the limbs can be bagged. Thanks to the Town for removing graffiti, limbs and hauling off all the refuse collected.

Fall: we will decide what can be planted then and what needs to wait until next spring.

Town: Gail McCormick will contact re: planting forsythia bushes on the embankment near Linwood Circle and check on the irrigation system.

Website: Fred Moses took photos of the Work Day and will post on the website.

Outreach: Jacki Katzman has posted work dates on several sites, including the Town's webpage. Sally and Karen worked on the appealing Robbins Library March display. Most of the material for distribution was taken. Marshall staffed the booth for EcoFest on March 23rd. Sally has registered for a spot at the June 15 Feast of the East and will apply for space at the September 21st Town Day. Deadline for summer newsletter is June 14th.
GROUPS scheduled for this season's Work Days:

- April 20 - BU Global Day of Service
- May 11 - Verizon employees
- June 8 - American Alarm employees
- July 13 - Making a Difference volunteers
- August 17 - HDR Architecture employees
- September - Arlington/Belmont crew team
- October 5 -

Meeting adjourned before 9:00 p.m. NEXT MEETING: **July 14, 2013**

Respectfully submitted, Beverly E. Williams, Secretary