

FRIENDS OF SPY POND PARK
Sunday, April 3, 2016

PRESENT: Karen Grossman, President; Sally Hempstead, Lally Stowell, Marshall McCloskey, Yvonne Chase, Bev Williams. The meeting began at 7pm at Karen's home. People have enjoyed watching spring come to the park!

MINUTES of February 7, 2016 were ACCEPTED as circulated.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Present balance is \$19,250. The database is up to date, even including the names gathered at the recent Eco-Fest. We have 1,095 people who were contributors, involved or just registered since 2011 and 1200 e-mails for that time period. Active members are 870. E-mails have to be sent out in two batches of 500. Marshall will apply for the non-profit permit and will order envelopes with the indicia printed on them. Cost of the permit is \$215, but letters can be mailed for 13.1 cents.

BEAUTIFICATION: Lally reported that the committee walked through the park on March 30, minus our beloved Elizabeth Karpati who has moved from the area to be close to her family. Unfortunately the first Work Day, scheduled for April 2, was rained out and rescheduled for April 9th. Boston University alumni have been notified of the change of date and some will still attend.

Community Preservation Act: Spy Pond Park was last renovated ten years ago. Under this new act, the Conservation Commission has applied under the Open Space provision for funds to do a feasibility study on the Town owned Spy Pond shoreline, the "Spy Pond Shoreline Preservation and Erosion Control Project". Karen solicited fifteen letters of support from FSPP members and Town entities for this project, which will be presented for approval by the spring Town Meeting.

Swan Sculpture - Funds to purchase were discussed. We APPROVED a notice in the next newsletter to solicit a resident to begin an online campaign to raise the \$4,000. Perhaps an Eagle Scout might be interested.

Serviceberry bush replacement - Karen has received word that the DPW will purchase a replacement plant, install it, and send us the invoice. Wally Williams will water as necessary.

PORTABLE restroom: to be installed this week, according to DPW.

WEBSITE: up to date, thanks to Fred Moses and Marshall. Deepak Bidwai is posting current documents. Our appreciation to each of them!

OUTREACH: Elaine Crowder has created and circulated a new poster that lists all the 2016 Work and Fun Days. E-mail Lally if you know of storefronts that post flyers for community events. Fun Day will be on September 10th and needs to be advertised in the local elementary schools.

Sally and Marshall staffed the FSPP table at Eco-Fest on March 16th. Many townspeople attended that event.

Sally reported that Feast of the East will be held on the third Saturday of June, and asked Yvonne to assist.

NEWSLETTER: Deadline is June 15th. We need new pictures! Karen noted that Elizabeth Karpati had written 21 articles for the newsletter over the years. Copies were part of the memory scrapbook presented to Elizabeth at a farewell celebration. Discussion around printing of the newsletter: Staples is cheaper, but Swifty Printing has done it well for many years and is the last Arlington based company to do such printing. We APPROVED staying with Swifty as our printer.

NEXT MEETING: at Karen's home, 32 Hamilton Road #402, June 5 at 7 pm.
The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm. Respectfully submitted, Beverly E. Williams, Secretary