

5FRIENDS OF SPY POND PARK
Minutes August 3, 2014

The board meeting was held at the home of Karen Grossman. We sat on the deck, overlooking the pond at sunset. All have enjoyed the birds, including the herons and cormorants. **Present:** President Karen Grossman, Marshall McCloskey, Elizabeth Karpati, Lally Stowell, and Beverly Williams.

Minutes of June 8 were accepted with the spelling correction: Eva Balazs.

Treasurer's Report: Marshall reported a balance of \$19,511. Lally has been reimbursed for tools and Karen, for the newsletter. Marshall will continue to look into investing some of our money that is presently all in checking. We discussed the pros and cons of bulk mailing. Marshall will investigate further and report to us at the October meeting.

Fundraising: Moonlight Beach Party - Arlington Parks Alliance has rescheduled the fundraiser at the Reservoir to September 6 from the July date previously advertised.

A motion was approved to have FSPP **endorse the Community Preservation Act**, as other Arlington nonprofit groups have done.

Sculpture by Kevin Duffy will be closer to the Linwood Beach area so that all, including handicapped persons, can see it. It will be dedicated on Fun Day. Jason will be asked to hold a naming contest for the swan.

Beautification: Conservation Commission will meet this week and will supervise planting in SPP on the September Work Day. Water fountains that do not work will be "investigated" by DPW per our request. Paths need repair after the last hard rain. Yesterday's volunteers did a great job shoveling much of the sand back into the ruts. Contractor is maintaining portable toilet OK. Thanks to the pro bono work by John McCloskey and his assistant, Michael Bowler, the shed has a new ramp! Lally reported that it is now easier to move equipment out and back into the shed. Marshall will ask his insurance agent re: the cost of insuring the shed and contents. The Town will replace the broken playground equipment. Shoreline - Karen was asked by the Parks Department to investigate possibilities of a grant to design shoreline repairs. Grant itself may cost \$25,000. It may be at least five years until this job is completed. **Good Citizen Awards** - Karen brought prototypes of the Citations, which were approved. They will be printed on good paper, framed and presented on Fun Day. **Work Days** - Lally reported a good turnout yesterday, including young people from the Zhen Ren Chuan Martial Arts Center and "GiveBackTime".

Website - Karen encouraged us to look at the FSPP site to see the photos Fred Moses has posted.

Outreach: Elaine, new publicity chair, has submitted announcements to the Advocate. The martial arts instructor saw it and signed his group up to help. A video has been made about Spy Pond. Link: <http://player.vimeo.com/video/100851337>. Sally reports that Feast of the East was a successful day of outreach. **Town Day:** Sally has volunteers for the Spy Pond Park booth. **Fall newsletter deadline** is September 15.

Shakespeare in the Park is on August 8 at Menotomy Rocks Park. Next Meeting: October 5th.

Respectfully submitted, Beverly E. Williams, Secretary