

FRIENDS OF SPY POND PARK
Minutes June 8, 2014

The meeting was held at the home of Karen Grossman, 32 Hamilton Road #402, Arlington on the deck overlooking Spy Pond. **Present:** Karen Grossman, President, Mithilesh Sharma, Peter Rontea, Bill Connors, Lally Stowell, Sally Hempstead, Jason Fligg, Marshall McCloskey, Elizabeth Karpati, Bev Williams. Karen welcomed the newcomers. We all commented on the park in the spring, full of people of all ages.

Minutes of April 6 were approved as circulated.

Treasurer's report: Marshall stated that over 60 people have donated \$1650 from the May dues solicitation letter. Expenses were \$1676, leaving a balance of \$19,329.

Arlington Parks Alliance, formerly Friends of the Parks, will host a Beach Party gala at the Reservoir on July 26. The cost per person is now \$65. Karen will alert our members to the event.

Sculpture by Kevin Duffy is coming along and can be viewed at his studio opposite the Safety Building on Mystic Street. We made plans for the dedication: Have it near the beginning of Fun Day in September. Include a "name the Swan" contest. Have media present.

Park maintenance: Next Work Day will be Saturday, June 14th. Carol Johnson is doing pro bono work to recommend plants and shoreline improvement. Work along the water's edge may wait until the entire park can be restored. Some playground digging equipment broke and the town removed those items. We **voted** \$1,000 to be used to replace the broken equipment; this will come out of the \$2,500 allocated for plantings. Crew team will help at the June Work Day. Contact Lally if you know of a group in Town that might send its workers/members to help in July. Toilet: Bev will check it and call the company directly. Shed - Marshall and his son will build a ramp. Town is paying for a capture and release geese removal project. Lally and Committee will walk the park tomorrow in preparation for Saturday's Work Day. Lisa Reynolds has pulled poison ivy.

Good Citizen award: We voted to give two awards at Fun Day in September. Karen will make the certificates, and Lally will obtain frames. Karen will also bring to the next Work Day a card for Eva Balazs who had written for the newsletter and Spy Pond Stories. Illness has made it necessary for Eva to move near her daughter out of state.

Website: Fred has posted newsletters and minutes on the website and generated the list for dues solicitation. Thank you, Fred!

Outreach: Elaine Crowder has sent news releases about the Work Days. Mithilesh volunteered to take photographs. Peter will investigate use of other social media. Sally will oversee a booth at the Feast of the East on June 14th. Shakespeare in the Park will have a fundraiser at Kickstand Café on June 17th. Newsletter deadline for summer will

be June 13. Sally has arranged for our Robbins Library display to be in March, 2015. She will sign up for a booth for Town Day.

Fun Day: (See sculpture and Good Citizen awards). Jason will ask several local businesses to demonstrate (yoga, music, face painting, etc...) on Fun Day, September 6.

Community Preservation Act: Arlington Town Meeting approved putting the proposal on the fall ballot.

Next meeting: **Sunday, August 3, 7 PM at the home of Karen Grossman.**

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly E. Williams, Secretary