

News & Events

Fall Meeting

DPA Membership Meeting &
Spaghetti Dinner
Town Building - Senior Center

Sunday, October 28th, 5pm

- 2012 Run/Walk Recap
- Pond Management Update
- DAAC Report
- 2013 Budget Presentation & Vote

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Elliot Pollak Memorial

The DPA has been working on a memorial to Elliot Pollak. Elliot, who passed away recently, lived on Dudley Pond for many years, was one of the founders of the Surface Water Quality Committee, and worked tirelessly on behalf of Dudley Pond and the watershed.

The DPA Board has approved funds to purchase a memorial bench, which will be supplemented by contributions obtained through fundraising efforts. The DPA is working with Elliot's family and Recreation to choose the bench and its location. A ceremony will then take place once the memorial is in place.

Please consider contributing to help create this memorial. Donations may be sent to DPA, PO Box 5114, Wayland, MA 01778

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The Dudley Pond Association

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The hot and humid days of summer are finally behind us and the beautiful fall weather is arriving. Each morning, as I watch the mist roll off the pond, the bright orange hues of the sun bouncing off the water and the swans gracefully taking their early morning swim, I am reminded of how special it is to live near Dudley Pond.

This summer the Board has been busy planning the 16th annual Dudley Pond 5K Run and Walk. This event has become the largest fundraiser for the Association. The scuba divers have had a busy summer pulling around 25,000 Milfoil plants. The Board applauds the efforts of the Surface Water Quality Committee (SWQC) and the dive team for the great work they have done over the past few years with the hand pulling program.

Please join us in celebrating our successes and learn what the current challenges are at the annual Dudley Pond Association Fall spaghetti dinner meeting Sunday, October 28 at 5pm - no RSVP necessary - at the Wayland Town Hall Senior Center.

The DPA is strong because of its volunteers and new participation is welcome. The Dudley Pond Association is most effective when it receives infusions of new ideas and new energy into our leadership, and to that end, we need more watershed residents and pond supporters to step forward.

Please come to any of the DPA board meetings the first Monday of each month, which are announced by email and at www.dudleypond.org.

Sincerely,
Bob Smith

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DPA Board 2012-2013

- President - Bob Smith
- First VP - Wayne Kelley
- Second VP - Doron Almog
- Treasurer - Jamie Pierce
- Secretary - Lisa Jacobs

For membership info see
www.dudleypond.org

2012 DPA Run/Walk



And They're Off!



Team Cochituate

DAAC Committee Resumes Work in early October

By Steve Garone

The Dudley Area Advisory Committee (DAAC) was chartered over a year ago to make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen regarding the disposition of the property commonly referred to as Dudley Woods. After a spring and summer of no activity, the committee is scheduled to meet on Monday, October 9th to resume its discussions of a number of potential options. The goal would be to bring to the next town meeting any articles required to transfer land or take any other required actions consistent with its final recommendations. Whether to recommend the allocation of some of the parcel for the construction of affordable housing remains the major issue.

Depending on progress, an update on committee activities will be presented at our fall meeting.

Water Circulators Live On

Do you remember the solar-powered water circulators that until this year were deployed on the Pond? They were found to be ineffective against the milfoil weeds, so the Town sold them last Spring. Well, when we checked the DPA P.O. Box recently, we found a manila envelope with a return address in South Dakota. Curious. Inside we found a post-it with the words, "Thought you'd like to see what's happening with your solar units".

Included was a copy of "The Lake News - World's Largest Lake Newspaper", from Lake Madison & Brant Lake, in SD. Inside is an article written by eXpert Company, who have deployed our erstwhile circulators in Lake Madison to improve water clarity. It's a nicely written article with pictures of our former circulators in the lake.

Even better, included was a DPA membership form from eXpert Company, at the Sponsor level of \$75!

16th DPA Run/Walk a Great Success

On Sunday, September 23, a brilliantly sunny early Fall day, more than 200 people came out to participate in the 16th Annual Dudley Pond Run/Walk and Kids' Fun Run. They took part in the morning Fitness Walk, Kids' Fun Runs, 2 mile competitive Walk and 5k Run.

Funds from this event enable the DPA to collaborate with the Town of Wayland to control invasive weeds in Dudley Pond.

Thanks to our Official Sponsor Reimer & Braunstein LLP, to our Platinum Sponsors, Village Bank, Middlesex Savings Bank and Power Home Remodeling, and to all our Gold, Silver and Individual Contributing Sponsors. Thanks also to all the volunteers who put in hours of work before, during and after the race to make this a community event all ages can enjoy.

See complete race results and a full list of sponsors at www.dudleypond.org

The Male Division winners were: Chris Smith (Boston), Michael Clements (Marlboro), and Geoff Getz (Wayland). The Female Division winners were Katherine Midgley (Wayland), Sarah Tully (Wayland), and Jane Chitkara (Wayland). The 2-Mile Walk winners were Lynne Cribben (Wayland), Abigale Cribben (Wayland), and Caitlin Curry (Wayland).

Surface Water Quality Committee: 2012 Season-End Update

By Mike Lowery (WSWQC)

2012 MILFOIL - 23596 PLANTS thru 09/21/2012

AN INDUSTRIAL STRENGTH EFFORT – ALL TIME HAND-PULL RECORD

The holy grail of sustainable management minimizing herbicide is deliciously close – but was hugely challenging this year. What a growing season – looks like 2-3 weeks longer at both ends! Milfoil loves that global warming.

Hand Pulling Statistics

Year	# Plants	Diver Hours	Cost	Cost/Plant
2009	18,237	358	\$14,320	\$0.79
2010	6,145	287	\$11,488	\$1.87
2011	10,485	274	\$10,360	\$1.01
2012 (to 9/21)	23,596	510	\$21,961	\$0.93

For reference: In 2007 we did mechanical harvesting, 2008 we did a whole lake herbicide and in 2010 a spot treatment. This year we had part-time help from two college students to make, set, and remove marker buoys – but the real credit goes to the relentless Allison LaClaire & Ted Fiust. And it ain't over 'til it's over.

End of year conditions & the outlook for 2013

It's not pretty – fall is upon us and water temperatures are still way above 60° F – so the milfoil keeps growing & we keep pulling. We return to the same areas about every three weeks to pull a new crop of 3' tall plants. As the season extends, plants come up in new areas and deeper areas.

As last year, we don't know yet if we will need herbicide to keep things under control or not – we think we can finish the season with at least as clean a pond as 2011. We won't make the herbicide call until spring of 2013 – so far, so good.

E-coil sampling at Mansion Beach – some good news

Lisa Newton did all the sampling this year – and we are grateful for her help. The Health Department now treats Mansion Beach as it does the Town Beach. We were well below the danger level and better than last year. Maybe those swans are driving out the Canada Geese?

Water Quality Sampling & Water Clarity

Toni Moores continued our 3x yearly water quality sampling – which hasn't changed much – still too much plant food in the water; but still not bad. Water clarity was low for much of summer while water was warmest – impeding the divers. In some areas and times under 3' (Braille diving). Jack Peter's measurements show improvement to 9' most recently at the deep hole.

Hooray. The Governor signed into law the Phosphorus Ban for fertilizers – except for some very limited situations. This will help.

STORMWATER – What's an MS4?

An acronym for *Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System* – a new body of EPA regulations for more urbanized areas (read: Cochituate) designed to improve handling of road and lawn runoff into lakes and ponds.

Stormwater control at Dudley Pond is very poor – we have clogged catch basins on private roads, home construction clogging drains and rolling into the pond, some drainage structures that empty into the pond without much filtering, and street runoff flowing directly across Mansion Beach at times. The net result is plant food and road crud flowing into the pond.

We can and should do much better – and the new regulations may push us to making these improvements, and perhaps help fund them. SWQC is discussing possible improvements in stormwater and public access at Mansion Beach and other points.