

DPA

newsletter



The Dudley Pond Association
A non-profit organization, founded in 1968

Fall 2013

www.dudleypond.org

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The summer of 2013 will be remembered for record high temperatures, scarce amounts of rain, and our continued program of hand pulling along with the spot use of herbicides that has allowed all residents of the watershed and citizens of Wayland to enjoy a virtually Milfoil free pond.

Since our Spring meeting the board has been actively working on a host of issues that will be presented at the Fall meeting. These include: Revisions to the By-Laws, Planning the 17th annual Fun Run, Developing a welcome package to help attract new Association Members, and continuing to work in close collaboration with the Wayland Surface Water Quality Committee.

Please plan on attending the annual Fall meeting on October 27th. With your continued support we can create and nurture a spirit of community among residents of the Dudley Pond watershed and the community at large.

Given the importance of keeping our Pond healthy, the need for all watershed residents to be involved in it's care and with the Dudley Pond Association cannot be overstated. If you have not already done so, please consider joining or renewing your membership at www.dudleypond.org.

I look forward to meeting old and new friends at the Fall meeting.

Sincerely,
Bob Smith

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DPA Board 2013-2014

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

For membership info see
www.dudleypond.org

Pond Residents Collected
Trophies at the
2013 DPA Run/Walk



1st Place
Female
19 and under:
Ella LaClaire



3rd Place
Overall:
Eric Macklin

News & Events

Fall Meeting

DPA Membership Meeting &
Spaghetti Dinner
Town Building - Senior Center

Sunday, October 27th, 5pm

- 2013 Run/Walk Recap
- Pond Management Update
- DAAC Report
- 2014 Budget Presentation & Vote
- Vote on Bylaw revisions

Elliot Pollak Memorial Bench

The DPA has created a memorial to Elliot Pollak, who was one of the founders of the Surface Water Quality Committee, and worked tirelessly on behalf of Dudley Pond and the watershed. It is our hope the memorial bench, located at Mansion Beach, will serve as a place of reflection and relaxation to those of us who, as Elliot did, cherish the natural beauty of Dudley Pond.



Arlene Pollak and Family

Stay in the loop! If you are not currently receiving our emails, please send an email to dpasecretary84@gmail.com

Dudley Area Advisory Committee Final Report

By Steve Garone

After many months of meetings and deliberations, the work of the Dudley Area Advisory Committee (DAAC) was completed at a meeting held on June 17th. DAAC was formed by the Board of Selectman to come up with recommendations as to the best uses for 7.5 acres of town-owned land located in the Doran Road area.

In addition to accepting the final report of a study of the property by Tighe & Bond, the members voted on several proposals presented by the chairperson. A summary of those votes are as follows:

1. Rocky point to be transferred to the Conservation Commission for recommended passive use (9-0, passes)
2. All other land not under the jurisdiction of the Recreation Commission should be transferred to that commission for recommended passive use (7-2, passes)
3. A feasibility study should be initiated to evaluate technical and cost feasibility of a Distributed Wastewater Treatment Facility (DWTF) (9-0, passes); the committee recommended that if that study supports a DWTF as a desired outcome, the Recreation Commission would allow an easement for it (9-0, passes)
4. Parking should be provided for 2 cars at Rocky Point and 4 to 6 cars at another spot (9-0, passes)
5. Passive storm water treatment, if low cost, should be considered to divert storm water (9-0, passes)
6. Committee recommends no housing be built on the parcel (4-5, fails)
7. Recommendation for CPA funds be allocated to purchase 3 affordable dwellings in the vicinity of the parcel (6-3, passes)
8. Recommendation to set aside a parcel for future development of four housing units (5-4, passes)

More details on DAAC's work, the Tighe & Bond report, meeting minutes, and other content can be found at http://www.wayland.ma.us/Pages/WaylandMA_BComm/Dudley/index

17th DPA Run/Walk a Great Success

By Jim Thompson

On a day that began with heavy rain and was still a bit dreary during the initial set up stage, quickly evolved into a day of beautiful sunshine. And with the sunshine came a large crowd of participants and on-lookers to witness this year's 17th Dudley Pond 5K run, walk and fitness event.

This year's event, with it's main objective as a fun raiser to control the growth of Eurasian Milfoil in Dudley Pond, coincided with Wayland's 375th anniversary celebration. As in the past, this year witnessed some exceptional athletic endeavors from the many men and women entries, as well as from several younger participants. The list of raffle prizes from various local businesses certainly added to the wonderful atmosphere for all those present. See complete race results and a full list of sponsors at www.dudleypond.org

Notes of Interest:

- The 3 Overall best times Female Winners were all in their 40's, yet they beat out all other ages groups, including those in the 3 younger categories.
- The times of the 3 Male Overall Winners were exceptionally strong and approach near record performances.

Surface Water Quality Committee: 2013 Season-End Update

By Mike Lowery (WSWQC)

Tough Year – we won – thanks for the DPA's 25% financial match. Our strategy for herbicide minimization and hand pulling continues effective.

We last applied spot herbicide in 2010 – and this year we treated by airboat 18.9 acres with triclopyr at a concentration allowed by EPA in drinking water reservoirs. We dammed the outlet to protect town wells from herbicide – we removed the sandbags at the end of August and the pond dropped 9".

Thru July 31st, Allison & Ted's crew hand pulled 44,446 plants by the roots.

The town spent \$36,189 and DPA contributed \$8,511. Roughly another \$2,000 will be spent by year end on year end pulling and survey, and contractor holdbacks.

Although we had a good summer for recreational uses, Allison has seen some new plants pop up.

We note with trepidation the advance of clusters of tape grass (aka eelgrass, water celery, *Vallisneria Americana*). It's a native: http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/aquatic_plants/submerged_plants/wild_celery.html. This year we removed end-of-season floating clumps (see picture to the right) but it's not part of our Order of Conditions – so we're not allowed to remove it at this time.



Thanks to Lisa Newton for taking weekly samples for e.Coli at Mansion Beach and the Health Department for processing them – we exceeded the state limit once this summer and shut the beach briefly. From our plastic Wile E. Coyote to the new barricade of pinwheels – we are discouraging ducks, geese, and swans from coming up on the beach. PLEASE DON'T FEED THEM.

Thanks to Allison for her endless efforts & the splendid collection of submerged fire extinguishers, trash, bongs, toaster ovens, etc. which she hauled up (then hauled to the DPA Run/Walk for all to see). The engine block she spotted is still down there – swimming with the monster turtles.

Revisions to the DPA By-laws

By Judy Currier

At the spring meeting Jack Peters and I volunteered to look at updating the DPA By-laws. During the summer we looked at several other non-profit organizations' by-laws and made recommendations to the Board in September. The suggested changes to our by-laws can be found at www.dudleypond.org. Several changes are "housekeeping" - adding wording to clarify some things and to bring our by-laws into today's business climate. Some are suggested changes to years old understandings. The strike-throughs represent wording to be deleted; the highlights represent wording to be added.

Only the membership can change the by-laws so please take a look at them on the web site, and bring a copy with you if you would like to comment and vote on the suggested changes. There will be additional copies available at the meeting.