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DUDLEY POND ASSOCIATION

Spring 2009

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Dear DPA Members,

As we begin to have occasional warm days of Spring, and boaters return to the Pond, it is wonderful to look forward to a whole Summer without dense milfoil. Dudley Pond is a real treasure for all of us to enjoy, and in these times of stress the opportunity to seek peace and pleasure just outside your door is more needed than ever. The strength of our association has been, and continues to be, essential to the health of Dudley Pond.

While we are all enjoying Dudley Pond at it's best, milfoil monitoring and control activities will continue. Having got through the difficult process of sonar application, attention now turns to doing all we can to suppress re-growth as long as possible. As you enjoy, please be vigilant and promptly report any milfoil sightings to Mike Lowery (lowery.mike@gmail.com). We very much hope that vigilance and action now will delay the day when we will once again have to begin the arduous and expensive herbicide application process.

After years of focus on the pond itself, there is growing interest in the ecological impact of the land around the pond. Many believe that fertilizer runoff, leaking septic systems, storm runoff and other land-based sources of nutrients are contributing significantly to the re-growth of milfoil by overloading the pond with nutrients. It is likely that one or more town boards will begin seriously considering how to control one or more perceived sources of nutrient loading. If you have strong feelings one way or the other on this, please watch for opportunities for public discussion.

During this summer we will enjoy the Pond at it's best, and surely we have earned that enjoyment. I hope everyone is able to take a good measure of time pursuing their favorite activities. I also hope everyone finds some small measure of time, whether on land or in the pond, to take actions that show your care for the health of Dudley Pond.

Thank You,
Lafe LaClaire
DPA President.

Dudley pond Board 2008-2009

- President - Lafe LaClaire
- 1st Vice President - Jack Peters
- 2nd Vice President & Social Chairman - Brian Cichella
- Treasurer - Jamie Pierce
- Secretary - Lisa Jacobs

Spaghetti Dinner

May 3rd 5:00 PM

at the Wayland Town Hall Senior Center

- Report on Milfoil control efforts

- Treasurers Report

- Election of the Board

Lynn Dowd reports that she is in the process of ordering more Dudley Pond merchandise and expects to have new stock in popular sizes available for sale at the Spring Meeting.

The second annual Dudley Pond cleanup will be held on a Saturday in mid to late May. The date has not yet been set but if you are interested in helping out, please contact Lisa Jacobs at lisa@lisaaj.com. We are trying to get the Town of Wayland and the HS involved and would welcome suggestions on how to work effectively with the community. As with last year's event, we clean up on land and in the water so bring your boat....

SAVE THE DATE

The 13th Annual Dudley Pond Run/Walk and Kids' Run, Sept 13, 2009

Join us again this year for our biggest fundraiser and largest event of the year! There are plenty of volunteer opportunities before, during and after Race Day. Help us with signing up sponsors, preparing flyers, selling raffle tickets, making signs, and more. Meet your neighbors and make an important contribution to the DPA.

This year, due to the ever-increasing size and success of the Run, we have put together a team of volunteer coordinators, each of whom will focus on a specific aspect of the Run. They will work together with this year's Race Director Bob Smith to organize volunteers for all the different tasks. Please feel free to contact any of the following people to find out how you can help!

- Registration will be coordinated by Tom Klem (kclentj@yahoo.com), including pre-registration and race-day registration.

- Karen Lowery (kclowery@gmail.com) will coordinate signing up Sponsorship and Raffle Prize donors.

- Publicity and Graphics will be coordinated by Mike Lowery (lowery.mike@gmail.com).

- The Race Day coordinator will be Lisa Jacobs (lisa@lisaj.com).

Many thanks to last year's co-chairs Karen Lowery and Linda Smith for a job well done. And thanks to Karen Lowery, Sherry Fiust and Linda Smith for designing this new volunteer coordina-



MILFOIL – So Far, So Good

Weeds hit with a 1-2 punch last year

by Mike Lowry



The 2009 fluridone treatment was the longest and strongest dose we've ever delivered. After the treatment, DPA & SWQC funded divers pulled 12,062 root crowns – in a first-in-the-US attempt to limit re-growth.

Nothing visible yet – We'll keep looking.

In late March, Ted Fiust took advantage of good lighting and calm waters and surveyed all the troublesome areas by kayak – nothing so far. In late April, as the waters warm, we plan an underwater survey – duplicating the areas surveyed post-treatment 2008. We will be checking every couple of weeks. We expect some re-growth 2009; more in 2010.

And when we find it coming back?

It *will* come back – we will hand-pull using snorkelers or divers. If an area gets out of control we are permitted to spot treat with triclopyr, a systemic herbicide especially effective on Eurasian Water Milfoil.

Comparing re-growth where we pulled root crowns.

We have three control areas where root crowns were *not* pulled. When re-growth is apparent we will compare pulled areas to our control areas. Dudley Pond might be able to put another tool in the milfoil control tool box if post-herbicide root-crown pulling really helps.

Circulator Experiments

2009 is the last season of circulator evaluation SWQC committed to the Community Preservation Committee who funded

them. So far we have seen little significant difference between the circulated areas and uncirculated areas – in either water chemistry or weed counts. Water clarity seems to be improving, but we can't attribute this to the circulators with certainty. The SolarBee circulators in Lake Cochituate have been removed.

Nutrient control – a key to Pond health.

Dudley Pond is eutrophying – accelerated by nutrients from street and lawn runoff and leaching from the many septic systems surrounding the pond.

In 2009 SWQC will seek DPA's support and input on municipal regulations governing septic practices and lawn chemical practices, two major contributors to Dudley Pond's nutrient budget. Cutting back nitrogen and phosphorus reaching the Pond will pay off in the long run.

What can YOU do?

Report any milfoil you see to lowery.mike@gmail.com – please make careful note of the date and where you spotted it. When you are on the pond, stay on the alert and look into the water. Avoid using lawn chemicals. If you must fertilize, please use slow-release, low phosphorus products and keep them 3' away from roads and driveways. Have your septic system pumped every three years or more frequently if your system is small, old, or you have more than four persons in your home.

Report clogged or failed catch basins to the DPW.

If you have a pontoon boat, volunteer it or use it yourself for milfoil 'scouting'



Lisa Jacobs

The Pond in all seasons



John Darack



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Coming up...

Dudley Pond Spaghetti Dinner! A Bi-Annual Tradition!
Sunday, May 3rd, 5pm at the Wayland Senior Center, Town Hall

Dudley Pond Fun Run—Sunday, September 13, 2009
Mansion Beach—Our major fund-raising event of the year!



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