

EASTHAM LIBRARY TRUSTEES/ FRIENDS OF DEPOT POND WORKSHOP  
OCTOBER 22, 2016

PRESENT: Lisa Linehan, Marianne Lampke, Marge Smith, Mary Shaw, Bob Seay, Aimee, Eckman, Deb DeJonker-Berry, Mary Jane Gibson, Dave Payor Elizabeth Gawron, Judy Sebastian, Deb Abbott, Bill O'Shea, Sandy Baynes, Sharon Krause.

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m.

The meeting started with all present introducing them selves. Marianne Lampke started, by congratulating Deb and the Trustees with how beautiful the new building looks. Lisa talked about the shared interest of the library and the Friends in protecting the health and future of the pond.

**Storm water management and system plan:** Questions about the storm water system and was the system installed per the plan? The group wanted to know if the OPM has pictures of the installation. Aimee assured them that we would receive the photos along with the close-out documents, when the building is turned over to the town. The Friends are concerned that there was no inspection process. Dave told the group that Mike DelVecchio, project superintendent for P3 was overseeing everything on site. The proof of the system efficiency is yet to be determined, as we have not had any storms. Time will tell. The area going down to the pond, outside of the buffer zone is not under the town's purview. Neil Andres from the DPW has stated that maintenance of the water garden is not in his budget. His department will be responsible for plowing and sweeping. Mary Shaw talked about doing everything we could to protect the pond, i.e., the roof slope, run-off from the parking lot, rain garden, etc. She then asked how the group individually takes care of the pond. Al Alfano explained the complexity of the storm system. The rain garden works by collecting the water via gravity and run-off, retains the moisture and finally, disperses it through the bottom layer of material. If the trench becomes overgrown, it will then need maintenance. Deb feels that the library is an educational tool and model for the entire community, teaching how all of these systems work. She will try to document as we learn. She is hoping when we receive all of the manuals for the systems we can share that with the public. Answering questions such as, why do we have those plants, what do they do? Sandy addressed Mary's question by saying that when the Friends have their meetings, they provide all kinds of literature to teach neighbors how to care for the pond. Aimee will ask Dan about maintenance of the rain garden as being part of the close-out documents.

**Landscaping and Access:** Dave told the group that a survey went out to poll people where they preferred to see the library, with other options, and the results were to stay on the pond. As to how to maintain the property and the view, Sheila recommended Charles Wentz of Ponderosa, who is drawing up a plan, with the habitat and removal of invasive species in mind. The Trustees will review his plan and then share with the Friends. Town has an obligation to protect the buffer zone. Bob Seay was concerned about lighting being on all hours. Dave assured him that once we are in the building, the lights will be on timers, controlled and not on 24 hours a day. Dave also addressed the issue of doing the conservation project over a

3 year period to see how things progress. The talk turns to the path leading to the pond. Bob Seay told the group that it was never considered the library's path. It should be the town's responsibility with the library involved. Bob feels we need expert opinions on the best way to access. The pond is 27 acres and the county has the obligation to provide access to any pond over 10 acres. There is currently, access, which will not be agreeable to most visitors, as they will have to make their own path across the lawn from the west side of the building, on the opposite side of the parking lot. Lisa talked about a pamphlet about care of ponds issued by the Massachusetts Conservation/Recreation Department. The library would like to close off the former access because of all of the new equipment, i.e. condensers, generator, etc. but more discussion has to take place.

Elizabeth assured the group that she and Bill O'Shea will take all of their concerns back to the Board of Selectman.

Dave suggested meeting with the Friends again, in the new building after our meeting with Charles Wentz.

Lisa adjourned the meeting at 11:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sharon Krause (for Norma Marcellino, Secretary)