

Friends' of Arlington's Great Meadows
Steering Committee Meeting – Approved 3/27/06
January 30, 2006

Present: David White, Mike Tabaczynski, Laurel Carpenter, Don Miller, John Bartenstein
Sandra Ruggiero, Andrea Golden.

1. Next meeting will be March 27th at 7:30 at the Waldorf Elementary School (739 Mass. Ave in Lexington)
2. Minutes for Nov. 9th are overdue and will be attended to.
Minutes for Nov. 30th were approved.
3. We reviewed the distribution of the annual reports still to be accomplished..
David will check to see if Arlington Selectmen need more copies
Sandra will send to Arlington Volunteer coordinator
Laurel will send to Frances Clark and some of our donors.
4. Financial Report
\$340 received so far in this year gives us a balance of \$6,329.
Annual report publishing was \$92 (~\$1.50 per report)
5. Report made by John Bartenstein on the recent visit he, David, and Mike made to the Lexington Board of Selectmen. John gave a 3 minute pitch about FoAGM and distributed our annual report. It seemed to be well received.
6. Review of options for new logo- It was felt that the bird did not represent what our group was about and there were several other birding groups with a bird logo, therefore it was time for a new design. Andrea presented several she had been working on. There was the most support for the loosestrife logo without the circle. Andrea will adjust the "Arlington's" to be the same size as the rest of the type and redistribute.
7. General meeting is being planned for June 2nd or 9th. Topic will be Nature at Night (stargazing, woodcocks, moths, and a possible picnic)
8. David will ask Russ Cohen to do an edible plant walk in late June. He will offer the possibility of starting at the nursing home this time if Russ feels like it would be equally interesting.
9. Orchard Lane Bridge- We amended our previous decision and agreed to fund the bridge at a 1 to 1 match up to \$550 with the understanding that any surplus will go to the FoAGM fund and that access will remain open to the public there. Mike has already circulated a plan for the bridge and John will go ahead and solicit funds for this project with help from the two interested residents, Roger Yocum and Steve Fleming.

- .10. \$1500 RTP money needs to be spent by June. This will be for infrastructure, most likely materials for marking trails. There is also \$2000 from the Field's Pond Association that could be spent on educational materials such as a revising and printing of the new tour guide or nature exploration kits for borrowing from the library. Prioritizing of Mike's ideas and other ideas can be done via e-mail.
11. A note will be posted on the kiosks saying "No commercial signs are to be posted".
12. Homework assignment !!! All were asked to review our current trail guide before the next meeting with the intent of revising it. We also will review the general information sheet that David compiled.

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