Minutes to January 12, 2004 Meeting

Approved 2/24/04.

Present: David White, Scott Kirschner, Andrea Golden, Mike Tabaczynski, Laurel Carpenter, John Bartenstein, Sandra Ruggiero

1. Approval of previous minutes. We gave initial approval to the 12/16/03 minutes. (These were subsequently slightly revised and approved again.)

2. Next meeting: Tuesday, Feb. 24
   7:30 at the Nursing Home

3. Laurel is taking a Wetlands Ecology class and did a report on the Great Meadows which she shared with us. Particularly interesting was her discussion of the peat industry (between 1865-67) which she gleaned from a paper by J. Henry Duffy in the Lexington Historical Society archives. This she is going to give to David to put on our website. Other highlight was the fire in the 1880’s that smoldered for days and the water politics and battle for resources. Apparently sewage and pollution were part of the water shortage problem. Thank you Laurel for your informative report.

   Presently we have $1852
   Next meeting we will work on the budget

5. Resource Management Activities
   Mike is ready to write a grant when/if the TEA21 Federal Gas Tax money is released, however he expressed concern that this money might not be released in 2004. He is going to contact Jay Kaufmann to troubleshoot.

Sign Proposal
   Alex MacNeil, eagle scout, has submitted a draft proposal. We are waiting for another draft based on our review comments.

Owl Boxes
   Two beautiful boxes have been made by the students and Andy Freeburg, the Waldorf woodworking teacher. David agreed to write a thank you.

6. Waldorf HS visits to 7 Brackett School classes have been completed and seemed to be enjoyed by all. The children made a beautiful card for the HS students which Sandra will give to David to photograph for the web site. Visits to the vernal pool will begin at the end of April.

7. General Meeting Tues. Jan. 27  7:30  Speaker David Brown
   David will bring video projector
   John will bring cider
Andrea will bring cookies
Sandra will bring cups and napkins
Publicity is done, in Arl. and Lex. papers, CLC, MyRWA, Menotomy Bird Club
(editor’s note: We can use the auditorium if we have a larger group. Does anyone have an opinion if we should set up there or in the back room where we usually are?)

8. Second General Meeting is being planned for March 31
   Possible speakers are Chris Mattrick from NEWS-invasives
   Duffy from the Arlington Historical Society – history of GM
   Sandra will request space at Waldorf School

9. Invasive Management Plans-
   Work days in April for Garlic Mustard again
   Planting swamp milkweed (Andrea would this be April also?)
   Some of this work could be done by school groups and/or Girl Scouts
   Maybe FoAGM and bike group could do knotweed – cut and herbicide
   Mike will check into this, Professional will need to do the herbicide
   LCC sent out word that anything in the 100 foot wetland protection buffer zone needs approval and should go through Karen Mullins.

Note: 2/3 Francis Clark will speak about invasive plants at the Woburn Police Station at 7:00p.m., sponsored by MyRWA.