

## **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.
  4. Financial 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.