

## Friends of Arlington's Great Meadows

Steering Committee

November 27, 2007

Approved 1/15/2007

Present: David White, Mike Tabaczynski, John Bartenstein, Sandra Ruggiero, Don Miller

1. The minutes of the meeting of October 16, 2007 were approved with several small editorial revisions which **David** will incorporate.
2. The next meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2008 at 7:30pm at the Waldorf School.
3. **Educational Mini-Grants:** Sandra has received one application by the deadline. Joe O'Regan of the Waldorf School has applied for about half of the expenses for bee hives to be placed on AGM land and used for instruction of students. The request for \$250 was approved pending discussion with the applicant on issues such as location of the hives and assurance of ongoing maintenance. The applicant will be invited to the next meeting or to a separate meeting if that is more convenient for him.
4. **Habitat Restoration Project:** Harvey Cote provided photographs of the view east from the north kiosk before and after the pruning which the SC approved recently in that area. **Don** will contact the Department of Agriculture regional office concerning WHIP Program (Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program) and the possibility of obtaining funds for habitat restoration and management. Formal application for such funds would need approval from the Arlington Board of Selectmen.
5. **Article on Dumping of Yard Waste:** **Don** will submit the article to the Advocate and the Minuteman without a photograph.
6. **CBS Coverage of AGM:** The TV program "CBS Sunday Morning" traditionally ends with a minute or two of viewing nature somewhere in the country. One Sunday this Fall the featured view was Arlington's Great Meadows.
7. **Annual Report for 2007:** Drafts of some sections and outlines of others were discussed, and revisions were suggested. First drafts of all materials are to be done by December 15. Final drafts of sections will be ready by Friday, January 4 and emailed to the members by that date for review prior to the January 8 meeting. **Mike** will complete the Resources section the financial section. **Don** will make suggested revisions to the Habitat Restoration and Invasive Plants sections. **Don** will draft a new Legal section

describing our intent to secure permanent protection for AGM and the two major ways in which that could be done (Article 97 or a conservation restriction) for review by Brian Rehrig as well as the SC. **Andrea** will complete the Education section after **Don** sends her a paragraph on each of the five fall events. **Sandra** will finalize the section on Educational Mini-Grants. **David** will compile the acknowledgements section.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Miller

First draft: 12/5/07 DM

Revised: 12/8/07 DEW