

Friends of Arlington's Great Meadows
Steering Committee
July 22, 2008
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Present: Laurel Carpenter, Don Miller, David Pearson, David White, Mike Tabaczynski, John Bartenstein, Sandra Ruggiero

1. Minutes from June 24, 2008 accepted with minor changes.
2. **Next meeting date:** Aug. 13th
3. Mike's **response to Jeff Collins** regarding the restoration project was approved with some changes. **Mike** will make those edits and send the letter to Jeff.
4. **Outreach:**

The monthly walk last Saturday had 6 people. The next walk will be on Aug. 16th. Don was commended for his informative and alluring blurb that was put on the website to advertise it.

Laurel has put the Sanctuary magazine calendars on our kiosks

Laurel will call Andrea to see if she will write a blurb about the firefly project which she is participating in at AGM for the kiosks.

Don is organizing a fungus walk with Don Pfister for October.

David will once again set up FoAGM materials at the shared ConCom table for Arlington Town Day (Sept. 20). All are invited to participate in this.

Laurel confirmed that she will organize a table for the East Lexington Fair (Oct. 18). **David** and **Don** (who will also be leading a nature walk from the nursing home side that day) and possibly others will help.

John will send a response to the library regarding the East Lexington branch and our desire to use the building.

Don is considering offering a class on Introduction to Ferns and/or How to Use Newcomb's Wildflower Guide. This was met with much enthusiasm. Sandra has about 8 copies of Newcomb's which could be borrowed.

5. Fire aftermath

Mike said that the workday for widening trails to allow more access by fire trucks will likely be scheduled for the Fall.

David and others are collecting a time series of pictures which will eventually go on the website.

Top layer of soil seems to be washing down the hill. Regrowth of pine needles has now turned brown

Don has done some trimming.

6. Trail work: Interns from the Town of Lexington are working on trails in the Joyce Miller land.

7. Invasive plants:

Don reported Greg Shenstone has offered to help. It was suggested that a new sign be put up to explain what is happening at the JKW plot. Don requested help with cutting the JKW out of the west side and agreed to send an email around to us. It was noted that the beetles seem to have diminished the loosestrife at the boardwalk.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Ruggiero