

**Friends of Arlington's Great Meadows
Steering Committee
April 21, 2014**

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

The minutes of the previous meeting were not available. Sandra will distribute them by email.

Next Meeting. Wednesday, June 11, 7:30 PM. Location to be determined.

Trail around the east end of AGM. The extension of a trail around the east end of AGM was discussed briefly. There are no plans to carry out such work at this time.

Upland Meadow (aka the Entry Meadow.) Currently it looks good; the mowing improved its appearance. Currently there is not too much regrowth of woody stems. It was agreed that we will observe how much the woody growth is recurring this Summer and then make a decision on whether the next mowing should be done this Fall or the following Fall.

The "Across Lexington" proposal. This is a project of the Lexington Greenways Corridors Commission of which Mike is a member. It envisions a 40-mile system of trails connecting places in Lexington which people will be able to travel without a car, using mostly existing trails. The map Mike presented has several existing and proposed routes designated with letter names. Routes A and B are in use and marked now. The Route C area, in east end of town, is what involves AGM. The creation of Route C only requires approvals and signs – 4X4 inch posts with logo and arrows indicating direction. There will be a smart-phone "Ap" to guide the traveler to local features. For Arlington residents' use, there will be access to the route from "the Res" and the Minuteman Bikeway. Mike walked us through proposed routes C and D.

It was agreed that the FoAGM Steering Committee endorses the routing of part of the Across Lexington plan through AGM as shown in the draft maps Mike presented (with various options indicated on those maps.) **David** will draft a letter indicating our approval.

Projects Needed in AGM.

- A maintenance work party? The trails are now open and generally wide enough.
- Fire road clearing as agreed with the Lexington Fire Department two (?) years ago.
- Erosion control – some trails are already eroded.

Mike will try to develop a list of priorities for projects needed in AGM. **Don** will give Mike the name and email address of the Eagle Scout candidate who approached him last Fall.

Invasive Plants. Regarding the area of Japanese knotweed blocking the view from the bikeway, we need to do publicity to recruit volunteers to pull JKW there. This would include an email to the Yahoo list, notices on the kiosks, and perhaps one or more signs at the JKW area along the bikeway.

Intro-to-AGM Walk. The possibility of such an introductory walk was raised. **Don** is considering it.

Ten-Year Report. **Don** will send copies of it to Lydia Rodgers, Chris Floyd, Herb Pearce, Fran Ludwig, Frances Clark, Don Pfister, and Boot Boutwell. **John** will send it to Jay Kaufman.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Don Miller

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