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Arlington Conservation Commission
Walking Book Subcommittee
Minutes
August 2, 2011

The Walking Book Subcommittee meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. in the second floor conference room of the Town Hall Annex. Present were David White, Eileen Coleman, Ann LeRoy and Michelle Durocher.

Defining the scope of the Revision Project

Subcommittee members expressed their initial questions and ideas from improvement after having spent time during the prior several weeks reviewing the original text and some of the subsequent edits that had been made in recent years. A number of members had begun making revisions to the text, highlighting sections that needed to be verified or validated, and marking obvious errors or sections that are out of date. Some member had begun visiting some of the parcels and testing the accuracy of the descriptions. Members unanimously agreed that the revision would need to be significant. The original goal from the Conservation Commission of completing the project by Town Day, Sept 17, was deemed impossible.

Given the scope of revision and the number of significant new sections that would need to be added to the text, Subcommittee members all agreed that the arrangement of the text should be reconsidered wholesale. The group brainstormed a number of alternate ways that the sections could be organized and agreed to mull this over for discussion at the next meeting.

The Subcommittee agreed that it would be useful to contact the Town's GIS Coordinator to identify any existing mapping resources within Town that could be utilized for generating new maps for the Walking Book. The maps within the book need to be fully redone.

Subcommittee members agreed to continue reviewing the text to get a better sense of how we wanted to proceed with the revision. Given summer vacation schedules, the group will identify a late summer or early Fall date for the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Durocher