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Open Space Committee Minutes 02/01/2006

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE MEETING FEBRUARY 1, 2006

Approved 3/1/06

Present: Ann LeRoyer, Teresa DeBenedictis, Joey Glushko, Elizabeth Karpati, Patsy Kraemer, Adam Pachter, David White.

The **minutes** of the previous meeting were accepted with some name spelling corrections.

The **next meetings** will be on Wednesdays, March 1, April 5, May 3, June 7.

Ann has submitted the **annual report** of the Open Space Committee for inclusion in the Town's annual report.

David brought a copy of the **Friends of Arlington's Great Meadows** annual report, which is also available on the Web. A display copy should be included in the exhibit planned by Vision 2020 during Town Meeting.

The **Reservoir** dam improvement project needs a few finishing touches, and then the plantings.

Open Space plan:

The application for CDBG funding is due March 13, preferably about a week earlier. We will ask for \$15,000. We discussed how to fill in each question on the application. Ann will do a draft and send it around for comments so that we can finish the application at the March 1 meeting.

The funding is needed to hire a person to coordinate outreach, perhaps a survey, and a public meeting. A survey by mail would be expensive because of postage. Other methods would reach only parts of the population: via the *Arlington Advocate*; on-line; making survey forms available at places like the Senior Center or at the Town election for people who are not on-line.

Ann has had scant feedback from other towns about how they did outreach. Joey is waiting to hear from Burlington, which has just finished revising its Open Space plan. David has asked Lexington; Ann will ask Concord.

Management plans:

Adam reported that he has most of the plans for editing; a few still have to be put into the new format and submitted.

Joey needs a good map for the path between Spy Pond and Rt. 2, which is owned by MassHighway. The map from the latter has too much detail, the GIS map too little.

We will invite John Sanchez and Jimmy Dodge to the April 5 meeting and present the plans to them, then go to the Selectmen with the plans.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Karpati