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Open Space Committee Minutes 10/06/2004

Open Space Committee
 APPROVED (Nov. 3, 2004) MINUTES
 MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2004

The Open Space Committee met in the Town Hall Annex, first floor conference room at 730 pm. Present at the meeting were Ann LeRoyer, David White, Elizabeth Karpati, Michele Hassler, Joey Glushko, Leslie Mayer, Roly Chaput, and Adam Pachter.

1. **Minutes of September 1** meeting were reviewed and approved by vote.
2. **Election of Officers:** Chairperson – Ann LeRoyer
 Vice Chair – David White
 Secretary – Rotating Responsibilities
 Michele Hassler did not wish to continue as secretary and offered options for filling that opening; the decision was to make it a rotating responsibility;
Action: Joey Glushko will be responsible for Oct. 6 meeting minutes.
Action: Adam Pachter will be responsible for Nov. meeting minutes.
3. **Update on Projects:**
 - a. **Symmes Redevelopment Project** - Roly Chaput and Ann LeRoyer report:
 - (1) progress on development of Conservation Restriction – held by Land Trust and Conservation Comm;
 - (2) Clarissa Rowe and Brian Rehrig working on wording
 - (3) **Action:** Roly will contact Clarissa Rowe and Joann Robinson regarding protective plantings
 - b. **Mugar/Arlington Conservation Comm. Legal Case** – David White reports: Recent court decision in support of Conservation Comm.
 - c. **Alewife floodplain update** – David White reports, Joey Glushko comments: update to FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map of 1982 is in progress but will not be available for about a year
 - d. **Bikeway cleanup and planting** – report by David White:
 - (1) removal of Japanese Knotweed biweekly during warm weather
 - (2) transplanting bushes from Summer St. islands to the Bikeway area near Muzzioli property and Veterans' Sport Center
 - (3) **Action:** Joey Glushko will write a letter to Muzzioli regarding plantings which are going in on the Bikeway shoulder area near Muzzioli property
 - e. **Open Space Comm. on town website** – Joey Glushko reports: putting agendas and minutes on the town website is progressing
 - f. **Reservoir Dam project** – Leslie Mayer reports, see handout titled "*What's happening with the Arlington Reservoir Dam Project?*" dated 10/05/04:
 - (1) progress report
 - (2) **Action:** tree count and selection of sites for "tree replacement" with help of Tree Committee
 - (3) **Action:** High School volunteer group, The Workplace, will help remove the fence around the swim area
4. **Management Plan Subcommittees**
 - a. Reservoir – in progress - see above project updates –
 - b. Minuteman Bikeway – submitted
 - c. Arlington's Great Meadow
 - (1) **Action:** Harvey Cote, noted photographer, has an effort in progress to establish viewing sites, by selectively pruning some areas
 - (2) Waldorf School Screech Owl Project
 - d. Robbins Farm Park
 - e. Spy Pond Park
 - f. Menotomy Rocks Park –
 - (1) three dog bite incidents reported in the last month;
Action: establish an off-leash dog policy
 - (2) Leslie Mayer and Adam Pachter submit a new plan for review
Action: Committee should review new plan for Nov. meeting

- g. Mt. Pleasant Cemetery
- h. McClennen Park – Joey Glushko reports; **Action:** an upcoming meeting is planned with DPW representatives and landscape architect Kyle Zik to review maintenance planning for the park; a Friends group is being discussed, as well
- i. Town Hall Gardens – Roly Chaput reports the planting of a spreading yew

5. Announcements and other projects

- a. David White announces new path in Meadowbrook Park developed by Eagle scout Aaron Magil
 - b. A grant from the Recreational Trails program has been received to put a boardwalk in Great Meadows; work is anticipated for spring 2005
 - c. Roly Chaput reports on activities at Robbins Farm:
 - (1) Red Sox game night
 - (2) Family Portrait Day on Halloween
6. Adjourn – 930 pm

Respectfully submitted.
Joey Glushko