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10/23/2012 Minutes

VISION 2020 ENVIRONMENT TASK GROUP
 OCTOBER 23, 2012 MEETING
 Approved 1/22/13.

RESERVOIR COMMITTEE
 Town Hall Annex, First Floor

In attendance: Lisa Fredman, Cathy Garnett, Jane Howard, Rachel James, Elizabeth Karpati, Stephan Miller, David White. Facilitator: David White. Minutes: Elizabeth Karpati.

Next meetings: 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, November 27, 2012 (cancelled); in 2013: January 22, February 26, March 26, April 23, May 28, June 25, July 23, August 27, September 24, October 22, November 26, Town Hall Annex, Second Floor Conference Room.

- Minutes: The minutes of the September meeting were accepted as presented.
- Town Day went well: good weather, sold 40 calendars.
- Calendars: 200 were printed, about 15 given to sponsors and people who supplied photographs. Not many left: David and Lisa have 22, the stores have some more. Sponsorship amounted to \$300. It was voted that we should have 100 more calendars printed before Thanksgiving if our supply runs out and sales are going well; David was authorized to make the decision in consultation with Lisa.
- Water chestnuts: The harvester was put into the Res this summer from Rindge Park in Lexington, near the worst concentration, but Lexington would not allow putting harvested water chestnuts on its land, so they were unloaded on the Arlington side and moved via backhoe put on the overflow spillway to drain. We have records of the harvesting efforts since 2000. The amount of weeds this year was almost as much as last year and it may well be similar next year, but based on previous experience it likely will decline considerably in the future as there are fewer viable seeds. The Arlington Con Com is asking Lexington to contribute \$10,000 but may not get that amount.
- Ramp: Park & Rec is ambivalent about constructing one for unloading near the drainage site. Cathy offered to get information about an alternative: a mat with cells which can be filled with gravel or soil and which won't look like a boat launch.
- Work day September 29: We pulled weeds and spread wood chips. There is more work to be done.
- Fencing: The trial metal fencing put up this summer has been damaged and needs repair. We decided to continue with the simpler and less expensive approach using ropes and stakes, but with stakes no higher than the top rope and with metal end posts.
- Signage: Some laminated signs were put up this summer. We'd like something more permanent with more information. Rachel will develop ideas for the signage content. Cathy will investigate signage options.
- Projects for spring: Grasses should be cut once a year and some clumps may need to be thinned out. The "island" near the parking lot needs more work. Lisa is checking on getting someone to repair the kiosk. Jane will check whether the cross-country team can help add wood chips to the path around the Res.
- Water Bodies Fund - The Reservoir Committee will co-sponsor any 2013 warrant article requesting money for the water bodies fund.
- Announcements:
 - The parking lot at Hurd Field has been repaved as an EPA demonstration project. One part was done with porous material; water from the other part will run off into an adjacent rain garden (to be installed). Celebration planned on-site for 11 a.m. Nov. 8. (postponed to Nov 20).
 - Another celebration on Sunday, November 11 at 2 p.m. in Spy Pond Park for installation of the murals on the Boys & Girls Club. (also postponed).
 - By Thanksgiving the Vision 2020 Standing Committee needs a "bullet point" about what the Reservoir Committee is doing, for the 2013 Census Survey.