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VISION 2020 ENVIRONMENT TASK GROUP
MARCH 6, 2012 MEETING

SPY POND COMMITTEE
Town Hall Annex, First Floor

In attendance: Brad Barber, Amy Currul (AHS), Bill Eykamp, Joey Glushko, Jane Howard, Elizabeth Karpati, Bob & Harriet Noyes, Steve Ricci, Stroker Rogovin. **Absent:** Jacob Friis, co-chair. Since the committee has no defined membership, other "absentees" cannot be identified.

Facilitator: Steve Ricci **Minutes:** Elizabeth Karpati

Next meetings: 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, April 3, May 1, June 5, Aug. ?? (tentative), Sept. 4, Oct. 2, Nov. 6, Dec. 4. Town Hall Annex, first floor.

- The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as presented.
- Water bodies fund: The Finance Committee unanimously approved the warrant article requesting \$50,000 for this fund. The accounting for this fund is attached as "Water bodies fund Feb. 2012."
- Rt.2 path: Two consultants for MassHighway and the Town engineer recently walked this path with representatives of the committee. MassHighway no longer insists that it doesn't do maintenance, but the consultants doubted that it would remove the sandbar because of the expected high cost. Steve suggested that the committee should try to get MassHighway at least to help with determining what the job would cost and what permits would be needed.
- A highlight of the walk was a flyover by a bald eagle. The *Boston Globe* publishes a weekly list of interesting bird sightings in the area; it was suggested that we should try to get the eagle and similar sightings into the *Globe* and/or the *Arlington Advocate*. Harriet took pictures of the eagle on previous visits; an exhibit of these and any other interesting bird pictures from Spy Pond could be arranged at Town Hall.

Trails Day, May 12: The Appalachian Mountain Club plans to participate again, but the Arlington-Belmont crew cannot because it has a regatta that day. Amy could try to get students from the high school to participate.

Speaker: The proposed speaker on lake management should be scheduled for the fall because there isn't enough time to schedule one for this spring.

Fertilizer flyers included with the Neighborhood Newsletter went out about a week ago.

- Replanting after removal of phragmites: The NOI (notice of intent) for the removal, requiring replanting, is registered against the deeds of eight properties affected. Brad will ask the Con Com just what is required to get these NOIs "discharged." All replanting could be done as one project. Jane noted that Hills Pond has weeds, so that cattails from that pond should not be used for transplanting to Spy Pond to avoid the risk of importing weeds.
Further discussion of replanting should be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Joey noted that there is a legal handbook on the Open Meeting Law for committee members and that they are required to take an on-line test on it every even-numbered year.