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11/28/2011 Minutes

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VISION 2020 ENVIRONMENT TASK GROUP ~RESERVOIR ~COMMITTEE

NOVEMBER 28, 2011 MEETING ~ ~ ~ Town Hall Annex, Second Floor

In attendance: ~ Lisa Fredman, Cathy Garnett, Martine Gougault, Elizabeth Karpati, Ann ~LeRoy, Stephan Miller, ~David White. ~

Facilitator: ~David White ~ ~ ~Minutes: Elizabeth Karpati

Next meetings: ~1 p.m. Sat., Dec. 3, on-site; ~Tues., Dec. 20, Town Hall Annex, First Floor. ~2012 meetings: ~7:30 p.m. Second Thursdays, Jan. 12, Feb. 9, ~March 8, April 12, May 10, June 14. ~Town Hall Annex, First Floor.

Previous Minutes - The minutes of September 28 were approved.

Bulb Purchase - We approved reimbursing Martine \$152.35 for the garden bulb purchase which was discussed and authorized at previous meetings.

Water Chestnut Harvesting - In August, ~Aquatic Control Technologies (ACT) removed some 253 tons of water chestnuts from the Res. ~The weeds were mostly on the Lexington side of the town line (although Arlington owns the entire Res and shoreline). ~The unloading point was at the Arlington end and thus somewhat inefficient. ~The machinery caused a lot of erosion on the shore line and shore. ~This has been mostly repaired by DPW. ~Since water chestnut removal will be an ongoing need, a permanent hard ramp seems desirable. The most efficient location would be on the Lexington side, but a good spot may not be available and Lexington will likely object. ~An area for letting the weeds drain before trucking them away is also needed. ~A site visit to look for possible locations was scheduled for December 3.

Res Access Ramp - We will need to meet with DPW and Park & Rec about this. ~If a ramp is built, it will encourage boaters, so rules for them will be needed. ~Motorized boats should be prohibited except for maintenance.

Aquatic Weed Control Funding - This year Town Meeting put \$20,000 in the Waterbodies Fund, and all of it was used up by the Res. ~Water chestnut removal will cost about the same next year, possibly less the year after, but Spy Pond will need treatment too. The Spy Pond Committee will discuss this issue at its December 6 meeting and has invited relevant parties like the DPW and Con Com.