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11/29/2011 Minutes

VISION 2020 STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 29, 2011 MEETING
Approved 12/13/2011

In attendance: Paul Bayer, Andrew Fischer, Joey Glushko, Mary Harrison, Jane Howard, Gordon Jamieson, Elizabeth Karpati, Josh Lobel, Brucie Moulton.

The minutes of the November meeting were accepted as presented.

Warrant articles:

Waterbodies funding will be discussed at the December 6 Spy Pond Committee meeting, to which DPW, Con Com, and Fin Com representatives have been invited. Clarissa Rowe has persuaded DPW to put waterbodies funding into its budget, but the Fin Com may not agree. Problems: money in the budget cannot be carried over from one year to the next; money appropriated through a warrant article may not yet be available when needed, e.g. for weed control when it is most effective.

Public art: Still uncertain – may be affected by the attempt to remove jurisdiction over signage from the zoning board.

Gordon reported the conclusion of the Fiscal Resources Committee that Arlington would need about five times the current rate of growth to be financially sustainable. The committee wonders whether encouraging development through zoning changes would be preferable to overrides.

The major part of the meeting was devoted to reviewing and revising the latest draft of the census survey.