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VISION 2020 STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2011 MEETING
Approved 10/12/2011

In attendance: Andrew Fischer, Joey Glushko, Mary Harrison, Jane Howard, Elizabeth Karpati, Josh Lobel, Charlotte Milan.

The minutes of the August meeting were accepted with a couple of corrections.

Arlington is about to start developing a comprehensive master plan. The Board of Selectmen voted to ask MAPC to help with the planning process; Vision 2020 wrote a letter in support of the application. We will explore having a representative of MAPC attend a future meeting.

Arlington will be one of two communities to receive a \$3000 grant to help with the census survey.

Town Day, Saturday, September 17: Displays and staffing were settled. The new habitat garden at the Reservoir will be featured. Diversity will have a new display board. Fiscal Resources will do a survey on whether to expand the tax base – how? – or continue to ask for overrides as needed. Spy Pond will ask: if you had \$100 to spend on the pond, how would you divide it among the goals adopted by Town Meeting for the pond?

Warrant articles need to be drafted for next year: (1) Co-sponsored with the Public Art Committee and the Planning Department, to allow the four panels of the public art project to be mounted on the Boys and Girls Club (the Zoning Board of Appeals could be asked for permission, but if it says no, another request cannot be made for two years). (2) Money for the waterbodies fund.

Charlotte reported on two developments from Sustainable Arlington: (1) A Woburn company took thermal images of 1000 Arlington houses; postcards with the SA logo will be sent to the 20% found to be leaking the most heat. (2) The MCAN campaign to promote energy audits yielded 900 sign-ups, and 450 of these came from Arlington!

The Arlington Vision 2020 map needs updating. The in-house GIS coordinator may be able to help with this work. There are no more copies of the old map left.