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VISION 2020 ENVIRONMENT TASK GROUP
 FEBRUARY 16, 2011 MEETING

SUSTAINABLE ARLINGTON
 Senior Center

In attendance: Marc Breslow, DeAnne Dupont, Elizabeth Karpati, Glenn Koenig, Ellen Mass, Gail McCormick, Andy O'Brien, John Pickering, Scott Samenfeld, Michael Wilson.

Facilitator: Gail McCormick **Minutes:** Elizabeth Karpati

Next meetings: Thurs. Mar. 17, Wed. Apr. 20, Thurs. May 19, Wed. June 15, Thurs. July 21,
 Wed. Aug. 17, Thurs. Sept. 15, Wed. Oct. 19, Thurs. Nov. 17, Wed. Dec. 14;
 7:30 p.m. in Senior Center, First Floor.

- The **minutes** of the January meeting were accepted with one correction.
- At the March 27 meeting Marc will speak about the state climate plan.
- **EcoFest** March 26: The planning committee is looking for more vendors. SA will share a table with Vision 2020.
- **Rain garden:** Spy Pond Park is being considered as a possible site. Michael suggested Robbins Farm Park, near the ball field, as another possibility.
- MCAN is encouraging MassSave **energy audits** and is asking SA to help promote them. MCAN will provide publicity materials and is looking for data (what was done, how much did it help). Possibilities: Sign-up table at EcoFest (at or in addition to SA table?). At an event planned by Sunlight Solar (see below)? Through David Landskov's church group or the high school SAVE group? Articles in the *Arlington Advocate* (does MCAN have any ready?). A point person would be needed.
- Ellen Mass of the **Friends of Alewife Reservation** gave a presentation opposing the planned development which would destroy a silver maple forest in what is the largest urban wild in the Boston area and important for flood control. She asked for support – letters urging the Arlington Selectmen, Con Com, etc. to support FAR in its appeal against a pro-developer decision by the DEP which comes before the Superior Court on March 2.
- "Our Fragile Earth" **art exhibit** by Gail and her daughter starts March 26 at Town Hall.
- The Town is doing an on-line survey on **composting**.
- Sunlight Solar is doing a presentation in Winchester and wants to repeat it in Arlington. We can decide whether to support it after hearing from David and Teleia, who are going.
- Gail attended **Lester Brown's** talk summarizing his latest book. He thinks the "tipping point" for getting people's attention to climate change is the rise in food prices now occurring.
- **Library exhibit:** We have the table for August. Possible items:
 - Copy of state climate plan, with handouts: short summary and/or reprint of December *Boston Globe* article about it (Deanne could get Minuteman print shop to do handouts for just the cost of materials)

"Artist's rendering" and other information on planned rain garden.

Recap of EcoFest.

MCAN materials and/or utility brochures on MassSave.

- Glenn will have a section on water on his website, which could be linked to the SA website.