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## Minutes, Jan. 12

### VISION 2020 STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES OF JANUARY 12, 2010 MEETING

**In attendance:** Paul Bayer, Andrew Fischer, Bruce Fitzsimmons, Joey Glushko, Mary Harrison, Jane Howard, Elizabeth Karpati, Annie LaCourt, Josh Lobel.

- The **minutes** of the November 9 and November 30 meetings were approved.
- The **census survey** has been printed and samples were distributed. Reminders to return the survey are being put on the Town website and in the *Arlington Advocate*.
- The **Budget** and Revenue Task Force will meet on February 1. The Young Democrats stand ready to publicize the consequences of not having an override.
- **Warrant articles:** (1) Making the State of the Town address part of Town Meeting will be a Selectmen's article. (2) The Standing Committee will again present the article for an appropriation (\$25,000) for the waterbodies fund. (3) Andrew reported that the Council on Aging will have an article for a tax checkoff for funds for transportation for the elderly.

#### Task Group reports:

- **Diversity** is planning another job fair, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. April 8. It is also trying to find ways to increase diversity among Town Meeting members.
- **Environment – Spy Pond** is planning spring activities: (1) A program by botanist Frances Clark on Sunday, March 21 on proper management of the lake edge, geared towards abutters but open to all; (2) Revision of the annual fertilizer flyer; (3) Trails Day on May 8. Some members of Friends of Spy Pond Park favor getting gasoline-powered motors banned from the pond and are asking for the committee's help, but the matter needs investigation and it is too late to prepare a warrant article for this year.
- **Environment – Sustainable Arlington:** (1) Marc Breslow made a presentation to the Selectmen on the "Stretch Code" (local-option energy efficiency additions to the state building code); the Selectmen are supportive and are waiting to hear who has the power to adopt it: they or Town Meeting. The Selectmen are also considering adopting the Green Communities Act. (2) At the request of Trader Joe, a subcommittee is investigating possibilities for large-scale composting. (3) Another subcommittee is investigating letting a company build shelters with solar-powered lighting at some bus stops, paid for by revenue from ads on the shelters. This would probably require modification of the bylaw prohibiting billboards in Arlington.
- **Fiscal Resources** has persuaded the Treasurer to allow a 1/3 page insert to promote recycling. It wants to encourage on-line payment of bills and to provide access to information on Town trust funds and how they are used. It is doing a staffing analysis, e.g. on the workload of the Fire Department during the day vs. at night.
- The Town map needs to be reprinted but first it needs review, e.g. adding new streets and updating the information on the back. This would be a job for **Culture and Recreation**. The new edition of "Settling In" is in the works.
- **Governance** should be asked to hold a Warrant Review again.

#### Town Hall Topics:

- This is Nancy Galkowski's last week – farewell party on Thursday, 4-6 p.m.
- CDBG funding is tight and Vision 2020 has not received CDBG money in two years.

The meeting ended with a demonstration of the on-line census survey on the **Survey Monkey**.