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VISION 2020 STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 29, 2006 MEETING

In attendance: Jane Howard, Joey Glushko, Nancy Barry, Bettie Connors, Andrew Fischer, Bruce Fitzsimmons, Clare Gordon, Gordon Jamieson, Elizabeth Karpati, Josh Lobel, Leslie Mayer.

- The **minutes** of the November 8 meeting were accepted with one clarification: the "1 to 4" classification of schools refers to the condition of the buildings, with "1" being the best.

Task Group reports:

- **Fiscal Resources:** Gordon reported that since the Town's financial five-year plan ends in 2011, the Town Manager has convened a planning group which will meet in December on what comes next. Fiscal Resources has compiled a list of items for discussion and ideas on how they can be funded.
- **Environment:** Spy Pond Committee is planning an outreach letter to the abutters, trying to get them more involved. Elizabeth Island has just been put up for sale: representatives from the Land Trust will come to the next Spy Pond meeting to talk about preserving the island.
- **Diversity:** A police officer is coming to the next meeting to talk about plans to bring an Anti-Defamation League program, "No Place for Hate," to Arlington. This program has already been presented in 50 Massachusetts communities.
- **Culture and Recreation** is advertising on the Arlington List, looking for all organizations connected with culture or recreation. The Library is already working on such a list.

Other:

- Gordon reported that the Town Manager and Selectmen had a meeting with MWRA representatives, who made a presentation on MWRA rates.
- DPW has an electronic map of Arlington streets showing their condition; this can be used to prevent repaving a street that is scheduled to be dug up for utility work before long.

Census Survey:

- The latest draft of the census survey was reviewed in detail. It must be on white paper to be legible to the scanner; color will be used to highlight open spaces on the map on the front page, which won't be scanned.