

**VISION 2020 ENVIRONMENT TASK GROUP**  
**FEBRUARY 25, 2014 MEETING**  
**Approved 4/15/14**

**RESERVOIR COMMITTEE**  
**Town Hall Annex, First Floor**

**In attendance:** Lisa Fredman, Martine Gougault, Jane Howard, Elizabeth Karpati, David White, Stephan Miller, guest Danielle Boudrot. **Facilitator:** David White. **Minutes:** Elizabeth Karpati

**2014 meetings:** 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, March 18 April 15 May 20 June 17 July 15 Aug. 19  
Sept. 16 Oct. 21 Nov. 18 Dec. 16. Town Hall Annex, First Floor Conference Room.

1. **Minutes:** The minutes of the November 2013 meeting were accepted as presented. There was no meeting scheduled for December, and the January meeting was cancelled.
2. **Spring cleanups:** The first one will be on Sunday, April 27, starting at 9:30 a.m. Danielle and her husband plan to donate some plants to replace invasives to be cleared from a triangular area adjacent to Busa Farm. This may be an opportunity to try to raise matching funds. Stefan suggested removing the grass from the garden edges and replacing it with wildflower seeds.
3. **Busa Farm:** The people to run the community farm have been selected; they have ten years of farming experience. There was a cleanup on Saturday, February 21, with good weather and a good turnout. The farm is expected to open in April.
4. **Housing on the Busa site:** The original agreement was for four units of affordable housing. Now LexHab, an organization that has been rehabbing old houses, is proposing to build two triplexes, with 12 parking spaces on what was expected to be open space. The proposed site of the houses lies over an old storm drain (condition unknown) which runs into the Res; it was farmland until now and tends to flood in the spring. Danielle represents a group of neighbors who signed a petition against the plan. David offered to take pictures to document any flooding this spring.
5. **Proposed kiosk:** Stefan presented a drawing and has wood to build it. The location could be selected on-site by trying a cardboard mockup in various spots. We need to organize the information to be posted, which should include the schedule of meetings and work days.
6. **Reservoir guide** planned by Covenant School: They plan a two-sided sheet. We want to cooperate with them – review the text and offer to organize printing and laminating. We could also put it on our website. Martine will contact the school.
7. **Water bodies fund:** The request was for \$50,000, same as last year; the Finance Committee approved \$40,000. This will be the fourth year of water chestnut harvesting at the Res.
8. **Fundraising ideas:** Topic for next agenda. Fundraising could be done for specific projects. Some ideas: a photo contest, or selling surplus plants or seed from the garden (lots of work).
9. A **potluck party** was proposed for March 15 or 22 – date to be determined. (*Subsequently the date was set for March 22.*)