

Arlington Open Space Committee Minutes

Meeting Date: September 11, 2014

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Present: Jane Auger, Joey Glushko, Michele Hassler, Elizabeth Karpati, Patsy Kraemer, Ann LeRoy, David White; also Adam Kurowski and Ralph Willmer.

Absent: Teresa de Benedictis, Lisa Decker, Leslie Mayer.

Minutes: The minutes of the June and July meetings were accepted as presented.

Town Day: Ann will bring a binder with the maps and descriptions of open spaces that are being prepared for the Open Space report.

Open Space Plan- These maps were discussed and some questions raised:

- The acreage of some areas needs to be checked.
- What is unique enough to be shown on the “unique features” map needs to be decided.
- Some maps can be re-used “as is” from the previous plan.
- Adding some maps would be optional, e.g. population characteristics, ethnicity, density; current land use; environmental challenges. These could be added if data are available.
- A map showing areas for projects listed in the action plan should be added.
- Maps showing regional context may need updating, e.g. changes in Busa Farm.
- Maps must be kept consistent between Open Space Plan and Master Plan, and with MAPC.

Chapter 5 is mostly done but the long chart of open spaces must be checked for questions about acreage and corrected for changes such as ownership of Elizabeth Island and Symmes.

Accomplishments (Chapter 2) must also be checked and completed. Ann has edited and reformatted the draft and will bring a copy to Town Day for Elizabeth to work on.

Ralph requested input for any changes to Chapters 3 and 4. These must be consistent with what goes into the Master Plan.

To be done: Chapter 7 – Community Needs; Chapter 9 – Action Plan.

The **Community Preservation Act** will be on the November ballot. The OSC voted to endorse it. We can advocate for it as individuals.

Next meetings: Oct. 27, Nov. 13, Dec. 11. Additional sessions to work on the Open Space Plan may be needed,