

Approved 9/15/15

**VISION 2020 ENVIRONMENT TASK GROUP
JUNE 16, 2015**

**RESERVOIR COMMITTEE
Town Hall, Hearing Room**

Not an official meeting that could vote on decisions because the agenda was not posted 48 hours in advance.

In attendance: Lisa Fredman, Martine Gougault, Jane Howard, Elizabeth Karpati, Stephan Miller, David White, Michael Ratner; guests Karen Einstein and Suzanne McLeod.

Facilitator: David White

Notes: Elizabeth Karpati

2015-16 meetings: TBD, usually 7:30 p.m. third Tuesdays, Town Hall Annex, First Floor.

1. **Minutes:** Approving the minutes of the previous meeting had to be tabled until the next official meeting, but no objection was raised to the minutes as presented.
2. **ACROSS:** David distributed maps of the trails, some of which include parts of the Res.
3. **Garden:** It looks OK but the plantings in the island are too scanty. Some plants from the garden could be transplanted to the island and a couple of clethras added to both.
4. **Invasives:** Stephan reported that he had pulled some Japanese knotweed. Burning bush opposite the knotweed also needs to be eliminated.
5. **Summer work days** were set for the third weekend of the month, alternating Saturdays and Sundays, 9-12. Dates are Saturday 6/20, Sun 7/19, Sat 8/15, Sun 9/20, Sat 10/17.
6. **Water chestnuts** are growing and are especially bad near Rindge Park. Two rounds of hand harvesting were suggested, once before and once after the planned mechanical work, to cover the shallow areas out of reach of the mechanical harvester. The Town-owned canoes are in use on weekends. If borrowed for a weekday evening when it is light until late, they would have to be delivered before Town offices close at 4 p.m. and someone would have to guard them until the harvesting volunteers get there. Martine and Michael will check when the canoes will become available on weekends in the fall. Volunteers could be recruited by posters placed around the Res once dates are settled; David offered to make the posters.
7. **Lowell Street project:** Approval from the Lexington Con Com would be needed. Steve Ricci has battled poison ivy at Spy Pond and could be asked about protective clothing. If we decide to remove it by hand rather than spraying with herbicide that would be an easier approval process.
8. **Public Art:** Lexington had a display at the Res, for just a weekend, without asking permission from Arlington Park & Rec. Arlington's "Art Rocks" display, which has now been held at Menotomy Rocks Park and Spy Pond Park, could be held at the Res next year.
9. **Brochure:** David did a trifold one for Great Meadows and suggested doing one for the Res, to be ready for Town Day. Lisa, David, and Elizabeth will work on it.
10. **Coming events:**
 - Town Day will be Sept. 12. We will repeat the highly successful sachet-making and will meet at Martine's on August 18 at 6 p.m. to make preparations.
 - The "Chairful" event will take place July 10-12 in front of the Jefferson Cutter house.
 - Summer party Saturday, July 11 at David White's.
 - The Res was chosen as September's Park of the Month by the Arlington Parks Alliance.
 - The groups trying to stop development of the Mugar wetlands now have a Facebook page.