



**VISION 2020 ENVIRONMENT TASK GROUP  
SPY POND COMMITTEE  
FEBRUARY 2, 2016 MEETING  
Town Hall Annex, First Floor**

**In attendance:** Brad Barber, Bill Eykamp, Joey Glushko, Jane Howard, Bob and Harriet Noyes, Elizabeth Karpati, Steve Ricci, Agnes O'Donnell

**Facilitator:** Brad Barber                      **Minutes:** Agnes O'Donnell, Elizabeth Karpati

**2016 meetings:** usually 7:30 p.m. first Tuesday, Town Hall Annex, first floor.

The first Tuesdays in 2016 are: Jan. 5, Feb. 2, March 1, April 5, May 3, June 7, Aug. 2, Sept. 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1, Dec. 6.

- The **minutes** of the previous meeting were accepted as amended.
- Order of Conditions, DEP #91-258, gives us permission to treat the pond. We will do a Sonar treatment in April 2016, after lowering the pond. Dominic Meringolo (ACT) found that treating new growth is just as effective and requires less Sonar.
- Brad will draft a letter for Theresa DeBenedictus, of the Arlington DPW, to give to National Heritage. The letter will request a copy of the report that was filed with National Heritage on Engleman's Umbrella Sedge.
- The Fertilizer Flyer corrections have been made. Jane will get 1400 copies to put into the neighborhood newsletter the first week in March. Bill suggested putting an item about EcoFest in the newsletter, rather than in the flyer. We thank David Kopans and Dick Terry for rewriting the Fertilizer Flyer.
- The warrant article for the water bodies fund will be submitted to the Finance Committee at a hearing on February 22, 2016 (changed from February 8). The Conservation Commission will also present their report on Arlington's water bodies.
- Eco Fest will be held on March 19. The theme is "Are you ready for climate change?" Two representatives from the Metropolitan Planning Action Committee will speak. The booth for Vision 2020 will be in the entrance to the auditorium or in the lobby. Materials and volunteers are needed to talk about Vision 2020 and its committees. Brochures that were included in the recent Robbins Library exhibit were recommended. Elizabeth suggested displaying information about meetings to attract people to attend.
- For Trails Day on May 14, Mark Grinberg suggested Saturday, April 30, from 9 to 12, as a work day for the Arlington-Belmont crew. Needed work was listed as removing invasives, picking up litter and debris along the shore line while the water is lower, and pulling oriental bittersweet (using Brad's weed wrench). Volunteers

should be reminded to wear boots. Joey will provide release forms that must be signed by volunteers.

- Bill Eykamp reported that he was requested by Friends of Spy Pond Park to publicize the need for signatures on the CPA grant petition to address shoreline erosion. The area described extends from the Spy Pond Condominiums to Spring Valley Street.
- Seen on the pond this month: eagles, ruddy ducks, mergansers, and American Widgeons.
- The next meeting, on March 1, 2016, will be held in the lower level meeting room of the senior center.