



**VISION 2020 ENVIRONMENT TASK GROUP
RESERVOIR COMMITTEE**

Minutes

Date: **JANUARY 19, 2016 MEETING**

Time: 730 PM

Location: **Town Hall Annex, First Floor**

Approved 3/15/16

In attendance: Lisa Fredman, Catherine Garnett, Martine Gougault, Jane Howard, Elizabeth Karpati, David White. **Facilitator:** David White **Minutes:** Elizabeth Karpati

1. **Minutes:** The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as amended.
2. **Financial Report:** Initial balance \$1122.99; income \$300, expenses 301.60, year-end balance \$1121.39. Figures from Brian Rehrig, Treasurer of the Arlington Land Trust, which serves as our fiscal agent. Donations to the Res may be made through the Land Trust.
3. **Annual Report:** David has submitted one to Vision 2020. But we should expand it including our participation in Town Day, where people who visited the Vision 2020 booth enjoyed making some 300 sachets, and the report should be posted on the Town website.
4. **Parks Alliance:** Martine went to the latest meeting. The Res was the Alliance's first Park of the Month. They are looking for a coordinator for an ongoing Park of the Month program.
5. **Fundraiser:** The Recreation Department's fundraiser held at the Res netted about \$14,000. We need to send our "wish list" for our share of this money to the Rec Dept by April 1. A number of suggestions were made:
 - Remove graffiti from path markers.
 - Signage to show where paths are leading. This is in progress with Lexington's ACROSS group.
 - Benches overlooking the water.
 - Improve the parking lot, but without paving it (too costly and the Con Com may object).
 - Clear the "Lowell Woods" of invasives and use the space for snow dumping in winter (instead of the parking lot) and additional parking in summer. [This would involve major removal of vegetation and does not seem a very good idea – DEW]
 - Have the Town hire an arborist for advice about the trees at the Res.

6. **EcoFest:** March 19, 10 – 2, Town Hall. “Are You Ready for Climate Change?”
Jane and Lisa will be at the Vision 2020 booth in the lobby with Res brochures and a sign-up list.
7. **Water Bodies:** We are co-sponsoring the warrant article for the water bodies fund.
The Con Com has reviewed the Town’s water bodies and chosen five for attention this year: the Res, Spy Pond, Hills Pond, Reed’s Brook and the retention pond at McClennen Park, and Mill Brook.
8. **ACROSS Lexington:** David has talked to the Selectmen about the completion of this project. The Town Manager will talk with the Lexington authorities about their helping with the WC harvesting. Carol Kowalski, former head of our Planning Department, now works for Lexington.
9. **Help with work days:** Martine suggested getting groups like schools to participate. She will contact the Peirce School David has talked to the high school athletic director about getting students to help spreading wood chips [the cross country team has another project]. He has also talked to Patrick Herron of MyRWA about water chestnut harvesting. Martine will ask about availability of the A-B crew.
10. **Other business:**
 - Website working group needs a meeting to develop guidelines for a professional to build it.
 - Picture posts: locations will be selected in the spring.
 - Martine suggested mounting an exhibit of art involving the Res. [A working group was formed and met in February.]

Next Meeting: Tuesday March 15 at 7:30 PM