



**Open Space Committee
Town Hall Annex, First Floor Conference Room
Notes**

Thursday, February 28, 2019, 7:30pm

Present: Ann LeRoyer, John Pickle, Elisabeth Carr-Jones, and Wendy Richter

Absent: Shirley Canniff, Kelsey Cowen, Teresa DeBenedictis, Brian Kelder, Emily Sullivan, and David White

Minutes: The minutes from the January meeting were reviewed, but not voted on due to lack of a quorum.

Open Space Budget: Finance Committee unanimously approved the requested Open Space Committee annual budget of \$300. The budget now goes before Town Meeting for final approval.

Take-A-Walk/Connecting Arlington's Open Spaces: Wendy and the Walking subcommittee continued working to have a full set of walking route maps available for EcoWeek events during April 22-28. Emily is coordinating the schedule for EcoWeek, and there should be one or two walks lead by Open Space members.

Fox Library's "What's Up, Arlington?": Ann, Kelsey, Elisabeth and John will present Open Space efforts on March 20 from 6:30-7:30.

High School Building Project: We reviewed the Feb 25 meeting with the planners of the High School Building design team. In particular, there was considerable interest in identifying the Mill Brook drainage and flow in the area and how to help people become more aware of it. We discussed the impact of open spaces on the different expansion options and stressed the importance of the pedestrian connection to Grove St. The latter will be followed up Elisabeth contacting DPW's Mike Rademacher for more information. We also would like to see if there are traffic studies for the new high school plans and how these are being incorporated into the design. Elisabeth will check with the Transportation Advisory Committee.

MA Open Space Conference: Ann has been asked to present at the April 27 meeting held at Mt Wachusett Community College to share Arlington's Open Space efforts over the past 20 years. Emily will present with her on the Town's MVP project at Wellington Park.

Envision Arlington: Formerly Vision 2020, they are formally updating their 9 goal statements from 1992 and are working with key stakeholders in Arlington to incorporate what the town has already done and what still needs to focus on. They have contacted the Open Space Committee for input.

Next meeting: April 28

Minutes submitted by John Pickle

2019 Meeting Dates: Mar 28, Apr 25, May 23, June 27, July/Aug TBD, Sep 26, Oct 24, Nov 14, Dec 12