



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

Thursday, May 23, 2019, 7:30pm

Present: Ann LeRoy, Shirley Canniff, Elisabeth Carr-Jones, John Pickle, Wendy Richter, Emily Sullivan, and David White

Absent: Kelsey Cowen, Teresa DeBenedictis, and Brian Kelder

Minutes: The notes of the March 28 and April 25, 2019 were approved.

Open Space Committee's Budget

The budget was approved at Town Meeting. Emily will check with the comptroller to find out what the protocol for reimbursement.

Updating *Experiencing Arlington* Website

Brian couldn't meet with Adam Kurowski, Arlington's Director of GIS, so no password yet for the site, but progress is being made.

Take A Walk Maps

Kelsey sent the QR code for the website that hosts the pdfs of the walking maps of Arlington, and Wendy sent final map with edits to Adam. Wendy and Kelsey will work out how to handle/incorporate points of interests on the maps. Finally, Adam will add dates on the map revisions.

Planning for the Open Space Plan due 202

Wendy sent Emily the Google drive tracking system for the plan. Park and Rec department has the key records of projects and changes to parks and other open spaces, and we can use copies of past town annual reports for reference. We will need to secure funding through a CDBG grant and/or through the town budget. This means we need to begin working on initial plans starting with September's meeting, including reading the new state requirements for open space plans.

Picture Posts

John will contact Allie Durak from Magnolia Community Garden and Karen Grossman, president of Friends of Spy Pond Park, about installing Picture Posts at these locations this spring.

Robbins Farm Baseball Field

The new grass has not rooted completely so the field will continue to be fenced off to allow it time to develop better roots that will support future athletic activity.

Wellington Park Update

Emily shared recent and upcoming updates. The invasive plants have been removed, and the regrading for the overflow basin has been completed. Next week new vegetation will be added and the boardwalk pilings will begin to be installed. Phase I is well underway to improve flood water storage. The town has funding for

planning Phase II which will improve trails and bridges in the park. The town will seek CPA funding and non-profit grants for building Phase II. Ultimately we want to create a brand for the Mill Brook Corridor.

New CPA Projects

Reservoir: Fixing the pump house is out for re-bid so building will begin in the fall. Earlier bids were too high and had to be redone. Work on the path will most likely be postponed as well.

North Union Playground: Design is underway and will be presented at public meetings. Town is hoping for another \$100K from the state.

Minutes submitted by John Pickle

Upcoming Meeting Dates: June 27