



## Reservoir Committee of Envision Arlington

Date: Tuesday, June 16, 2020.

Time: 7:30 PM.

Location: Via Zoom

### Notes – Draft 6/17/20

1. **Present:** David White, George Stephans, Anne LeRoy, Michael Ratner, Catherine Garnett, Stephan Miller, Lisa Fredman, David Lavalley, Johanna Meyer.
2. **Observations from around the Res** - There were 13 or 14 swans at the Reservoir recently. It looks like the water level was up about halfway. The spillway gate was raised so the level will increase with more rain. There seems to be a lot of milkweed but also other flowers blooming in both gardens. See David White's pictures. There was also a tree that had been chopped apparently with an axe, on the reservoir side of the parking lot (close to the north corner of the traffic island).
3. **Review previous meeting notes** – no comments.
4. **Select note taker** – Johanna.
5. **Garden report** - The reservoir committee did a lot of work. Rachel James planted flowers. Anne LeRoy cleared some of the burdock and the bindweed. Michael Ratner trimmed back the Japanese knotweed south of the paved path to the bridge over Mill Brook, and also pulled most of the visible garlic mustard in front of the large rocks nearest to the shady garden. Ann and George and perhaps others cleared some of the tall grasses.
6. **Other Spring activities** and what needs to be done - We need to open the garden pathway some and to tend to that large area near the rock. We need to clear the plants away from the rock and widen the pathways. Our objectives being clearing the invasive species such as the bindweed, the burdock, the garlic mustard as well as the knotweed which come up on both sides of the sunny side in the shady garden. We may need to organize a watering schedule.
7. **Watering** – Rachel's new plants should be watered this week as no rain is expected. David will check on the water supply. Cathy will try to water.
8. **Workday** - Saturday June 27, 9-12. Prune back the dead vines on the spillway overhang. Weeding out of the invasives. Everyone should bring their own tools, gloves and masks.
9. **Other Res matters** - News from the new/old Recreation Director Joe Connelly. Pumphouse work is basically done but National Grid needs to make a power connection so that everything can be tested. It's possible the Beach will not open this season. Bids are out for the pilot (30-50 foot) Trail project for a section near the Lex Farm border and Munroe Brook.
10. We **closed** at about 8:30 planning to meet again on Tuesday July 21.