



Reservoir Committee of Envision Arlington

Date: Tuesday, September 22, 2020
Time: 7:30-8:10pm
Location: Remote participation via Zoom

Present: Stephan Miller, Michael Ratner, George Stephans, Ann LeRoy, David White.

Meeting Minutes

1. Check-ins and Observations from around the Res
Water level is still low but perhaps a little higher than before. Many people out and about at the Res, some fishing too. A ~15' section of the accessible pilot path has been put in next to the Res Beach; more may be coming. No swans and only a few ducks. Everything is very dry.
2. Reviewed and approved previous meeting notes from August 18.
3. Updates:
 - a. Master Plan
Another public meeting and presentation on Sep 8. Materials posted to Res website. Many people sent in comments. One priority item that needs addressing is the steep eroded path through the open garden area.
 - b. WC harvesting
From Emily Sullivan: "The operator reported an average of two harvester loads of water chestnut offloaded into the steel dub per operating hour. Approximately 160 loads over the cumulative 10-day harvesting period. Estimate of 10-acres cleared."

Overall it looks like the removal was more complete than last year. We will get an official report later this year.
4. Garden report
Everything is dry but basically alive. The grasses are taking over the sunny area and should be thinned.
5. Workday – Saturday, Sep 26, 9-12. Thinning grasses, weed removal, fence repair.
6. MS4 Report
 - a. Were there any updates to the website? *Yes. Regular updates of group activities and also the Master Plan events and materials.*

- b. How many work days were scheduled/performed by the volunteers? *Roughly six regular events – once a month during the working season. And volunteers came at other times as well.*
 - c. Could you identify what work was performed? *Gardening, invasive plant removal, path and fence repair.*
 - d. Any new efforts or outreach to the community or abutters/neighbors? *Regular postings on the Reservoir kiosk, to Res email list, other email lists and posting on the Town website.*
 - e. How many work days were scheduled? *Roughly six regular events – once a month during the working season. [does this duplicate b above?]*
 - f. Any additional updates you would like to include? *No.*
7. Other matters
Posting Reservoir information on Facebook? Suggested sites are: “Arlington List” and “Arlington, Massachusetts Current Residents,” Ask Johanna about doing this.
8. Meeting closed at about 8:10.