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VISION 2020 STANDING COMMITTEE
 MINUTES OF MARCH 14, 2013 MEETING
 Approved April 10, 2013

Present: Andrew Fischer, Mary Harrison, Jane Howard, Elizabeth Karpati, Brucie Moulton; Cheryl Hamilton. Absent: Kathleen Bodie, Adam Chapdelaine, Dan Dunn, Bruce Fitzsimmons, Joey Glushko, David Haas, William Hayner, Gordon Jamieson, John Leone, Josh Lobel, Cheryl Miller, Charlotte Milan, Angela Olszewski, Tarajee Pass.

- The minutes of the February meeting were accepted and amended to acknowledge intense discussion of Vision 2020's future direction and modality of operation.
- Cheryl Hamilton from the Diversity task group reported on the "We Are Arlington" conversation project. The first session was held recently at the Senior Center with Cheryl as facilitator. Participants describe themselves briefly, e.g. as a Southerner, a rollerblader, etc., and talk about how welcome they feel in Arlington as such a person. The project wants to set up a website, linked to the Town website, while the conversations are going on, and asked for Standing Committee approval, which was granted.
- Census Survey: A preliminary report on the 3883 replies tallied so far (before the 3/15 deadline) was shown around, and we discussed what correlations between replies to explore and how to report results to Town Meeting.
- June potluck: A tour of the Symmes project was selected. The date could be June 11, already scheduled for a Standing Committee meeting.
- Suggestions:
 - Invite the Public Art Committee to make a presentation to the Standing Committee and urge task group chairs to attend this meeting.
 - Modify the Vision 2020 logo so that each task group can add its own logo.
 - Ask for a report from each task group chair for each meeting.
 - Compile a calendar of all the days when a Vision 2020 task group or committee is having an activity.
- Announcements:
 - Deadline for the state-mandated on-line ethics training is April 5. The state ethics commission website is <http://www.muniprogram.eth.state.ma.us>
- The warrant article to establish a public art fund in which money can be held over from one fiscal year to the next is going before the Selectmen.
- On Friday, March 22, at 7:30 p.m. the Arlington Center for the Arts will shown films of George Plimpton's adventures presented by his brother Oakes.
- The Cultural Commission has been appointed and has met.
- The EcoFest on March 23 is being widely publicized, including on the Spy Pond fertilizer flyer and the Neighborhood Newsletter.
- Task Group Reports: Environment (Elizabeth): The Finance Committee unanimously supports the request for the water bodies fund, which benefits Spy Pond, the Reservoir, and Hills Pond. Both of these committees are busy planning activities. The Spy Pond Committee will have its annual Trails Day on May 11, and the Reservoir Committee is planning work days on the third Saturday of each month.