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VISION 2020 STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES OF AUGUST 20, 2013 MEETING

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

Minutes: The minutes of the July meeting were accepted as amended.

Town Day booth redesign: The new layout was agreed upon: a space with several chairs from the “Chairful” event in the middle, flanked by two tables for displays and handouts. The panels suggested earlier won’t fit under the canopy and risk being blown over by wind if placed behind it, so we will use the rolling boards again. Joey has a large poster with the Vision 2020 goals. The display board from the library exhibit could also be used. To be added: Town map with locations of Vision 2020 volunteer projects such as the Reservoir garden.

Activities and displays: Secchi disk display, created by Bill Eykamp of the Spy Pond Committee last year. Something being planned by Martine Gougault of the Reservoir Committee. Samples of some of the worst invasives (e.g. oriental bittersweet, black swallowwort) and native alternatives (could be set up to double as an ID quiz). Sample of how vinegar can be used to kill invasives.

A handout listing invasives, alternatives, and sources of more information could be done as a bookmark.

A middle school student has made a short video about the Food Recovery Project organized by Minute-man parents and supported by Sustainable Arlington which could be shown on a battery-powered laptop.

Recycling is a part of sustainability, but we can leave that topic to the Recycling Committee by referring people to their table.

Census Survey 2014: Brucie reported that it is being planned as a four-page item (instead of the usual six pages) and that it will be done on paper only, for lower cost and less work (integrating the results from on-line surveys and paper surveys has proved to be a major chore). Eliminating the explanatory text that used to occupy the first page and the space for sign-ups will leave space to have still about the same amount of questions as before. Respondents who want to volunteer will be asked to sign up on the Town website, or via telephone if they have no access to a computer. The survey will go to the printer on November 29, so it must be finished by November 25, the Monday before Thanksgiving.

The survey will be designed to collect information needed by Town departments. It was voted to approve the new 4-page format and the intent of the survey, without specifying what departments will be included.

Future direction of Vision 2020: Mary and Brucie agreed to take over the leadership of Vision 2020 to serve as a transition team. Now Brucie finds herself overwhelmed with obligations so that she cannot continue to serve as co-chair, though she still wants to participate to the extent she can. Mary and Brucie are hoping to find a new co-chair and welcome suggestions. Mary is also asking for ideas for the future, including a possible redesign of the Standing Committee.