

Reservoir Committee of Envision Arlington

Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2021.

Time: 7:30 PM.

Location: Via Zoom

Present: Stephan Miller, David White, Michael Ratner, Johanna Meyer, George Stephans, Cathy Garnett. Regrets: Ann Leroyer.

1. Check-ins and Observations from around the Res.

There are some groups of ducks but very few birds in general. The birds may have left due to the rain and depth of the water, too deep to feed and with no mud flats for standing.. There is a dead swan and a dead duck.

Trees will be cut down for the path improvement next to LexFarm. And some invasive tree species trees also. These were marked by the contractor last week. Joe C. wrote *"They are marking the trees for removal (red x), pruning (pink ribbon), orange (questions for tree warden). Except for the orange all these were the trees identified in the approved plan."* Kathy will review the work on the trees in her next walk.

The Cataldo conservation area project continues with removing invasives and planting native plants. This has been going on for several years and is being managed by Holly Samuels of the Lexington ConCom.

2. Previous meeting notes accepted

3. Updates:

- a. Master plan update - Have a contractor and most work will start in the summer.
- b. The Reservoir Beach is planned to open this summer.
- c. DPW did some clearing near the old spillway.
- b. April 17 Workday was postponed due to snow until April 24.

4. Garden report and plans.

Possibly a new small path cutting down to the second rock and up to the main path on the other side of the stone in the path. Keeping a main line of grasses for habitat. Planting only donated plants this year and only on the interior pockets because of the construction of the new fence, steps and the other work as part of the Master plan will impact the perimeter areas..

Donations include Kathy with Echinacea, Stephan with Globe thistle and Butterfly weed, Jenny Yea with mountain mint and beards tongue , Laura Wooley with beards tongue.

5. Workdays (generally Third Saturday)–
 - i. April 24th . Clearing/Cleaning
 - ii. May 15 for Planting
 - iii. June 19

6. Next meeting date – Tuesday May 18

7. Girl Scouts (troupe?) lead by Devra donated Signs from the talk about native species and invasive species. There were 16 girls and five adults. The girls pulled garlic mustard and then painted signs for the garden. These can be secured with stakes, or hung with rope. They are acrylic and ink on a wood board. The girls did a great job. Johanna will prepare these for display in the garden.