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VISION 2020 ENVIRONMENT TASK GROUP
FEBRUARY 5, 2013 MEETING
Approved March 5, 2013

SPY POND COMMITTEE
Town Hall Annex, First Floor

In attendance: Brad Barber, Bill Eykamp, Jacob Friis, Joey Glushko, Jane Howard, Elizabeth Karpati, Bob & Harriet Noyes, Stroker Rogovin, Dick Terry; Teresa DeBenedictis (DPW), Dave Haas and Gail McCormick (Sustainable Arlington), Nathaniel Stevens (Con Com).

Facilitator: Brad Barber Minutes: Elizabeth Karpati

2013 meetings: 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, March 5, April 2, April 30 instead of May, June 4, July 2, Aug. 6, Sept. 3, Oct. 1, Nov. 5. Dec. 1. Town Hall Annex, first floor.

- The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as presented.
Water bodies fund: Teresa presented an update of her expense chart with projections for the next three years. Not all of the expenditures planned for FY13 will be made (there was no algae treatment last fall), so a few thousand dollars will be left to carry over. Water chestnut harvesting costs at the Res are expected to go down to \$10,000 in FY15 and \$5,000 in FY16. For Spy Pond we plan to ask for \$12,000 each year to accumulate for treatment needed about every three years. The projections cover only Spy Pond, the Res, and Hill's Pond. At this point there are no plans for Town-financed treatment of other water bodies.

Teresa will make the presentation to the Finance Committee (Feb. 11); the Town Manager will present the warrant article to Town Meeting.

- EcoFest, March 23: The theme is "EcoFootprints: Arlington People, Places, and Spaces." It will include information on how to improve one's "outdoor footprint," e.g. for abutters, reducing use of pesticides and herbicides and fertilizers which encourage blue-green algae, which interfere with their use of the pond. The EcoFest flyer could be distributed with our fertilizer flyer if the timing works.
Morse's Pond in Wellesley: That group also meets on the first Tuesday of the month, so a joint meeting is a possibility, or an unofficial daytime meeting of members from both groups to view the pond. No decision was made.
Jacob suggested compiling information about what has been done for Spy Pond, data from studies by ACT, treatment costs, and the like.

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