

Friends of Arlington's Great Meadows

Steering Committee

July 31, 2007 – Approved 9/18/07

Present: John Bartenstein, Don Miller, Mike Tabaczynski, David White, Sandra Ruggiero

1. Minutes from the June 26, 2007 meeting were approved with the minor edits John had suggested. The next meeting date was set for **Sept. 18th**.
2. There was no financial activity and it was decided that financial reports will be quarterly unless there is significant activity.
3. David shared a nice postcard from Frances Clarke thanking us for our work in response to receiving our annual report. He suggested that we make some postcards of AGM. Our thank-you notes for donations could be written on them.
4. New AGM trail guides were printed and are presently at David's house.
5. The cover letter and grant application form were reviewed. **Sandra** will make the edits we discussed and seek final approval via email. Then she will distribute via email to all the science department heads in the Lexington and Arlington public schools (contacts will be sought via Francesca Coltera for Arlington and Fran Ludwig for Lexington), LCA, Waldorf, and possibly the Armenian Academy. We will be doing just schools for this first trial round.
6. AGM walks for the fall begin in October and are listed in the CLC bulletin. In addition they will be listed in the local newspapers and advertising mailers, and will go out to the ALT and FoAGM email lists. Please send writeups on the events to David.
7. **Don** was not able to find any articles on dumping, but volunteered to write one for us using Karen Mullins' letter, which had a detailed list of why dumping is problematic for the environment.
8. Land management: Students were away, so the proposed workday on the JKW did not happen for lack of registration. Don and John have continued to work on the plot over the summer and have reported in on the progress.
9. Discussion of the plan to maintain a meadow/shrub land on the northeast side of AGM was deferred until our September meeting.
10. Mike showed us the "No Dumping" signs. Seven were made. Two are being posted at the nursing home parking lot, and one each at Brandon St., Sheila Road, and Emerson Gardens condominiums. There are two spares.

Respectfully submitted, Sandra Ruggiero