

**Friends of Arlington's Great Meadows  
Steering Committee  
August 24, 2010  
Approves 10/5/10**

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

**Minutes:** The minutes of July 20, 2010 were approved after one editorial correction.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, September 28, 7:30pm. **David** will contact Sandy Vorce regarding having the meeting at her home. [Sandy has agreed to host.]

**Boardwalk Repair:** A group of retirees who work on boardwalk repair in the area has replaced failing treads on two of our boardwalks. **David** will arrange thank-you messages.

**Trail Signs:** **Don** received AGM maps from Mike and will use a map to indicate where trail signs are needed from the north kiosk to the south kiosk.

**Meadow Restoration:** David presented the FoAGM proposal to the Arlington Board of Selectmen. It was approved unanimously. Approval is now needed from the Lexington ConComm. The required buffer zone next to wetlands is 100 feet. **Mike** will prepare an "RDA" (Request for Determination of Applicability) for areas 1, 2, 3, 5, & 6 for the next ConComm meeting. **David** will help **Mike** prepare and perhaps attend the meeting. **Mike** will speak with Stew about having the Lexington Fire Department supervise burning the slash on site.

**Meadow Restoration Work Day (Oct. 23; 8:30am to 3:30pm.)**

**Public Information:** We will need information on:

- Kiosk notices
- Town newspapers: A month ahead put articles or letters in the Advocate and Minuteman (what, where, when, how you can help.)
- Arlington Land Trust newsletter.
- Belmont Citizens Forum
- FoAGM.org.
- FoAGM Yahooogroup email list

**Work Day Arrangements:**

Water: Mike's 5-gallon container.

Soft Drinks: A cooler of them.

Food: Pizza to be ordered late morning and picked up by one of us.

**To Be Done:**

We need to mark trees which will not be cut.

Define Borders: Trails can be borders. We need caution tape to mark the area, even when the trail is a border.

The burning of slash might happen on a week day, and we would need volunteers to work on it.

Focus on cutting gray birch, aspen, and small oaks. This year we will prepare the meadow so it can be mowed next year.

**Japanese Knotweed Project;** John said the east side is looking good. Where we planted grass, the JKW is still growing up through it. It is clear that planting grass does not prevent the JKW from coming back. Don has not worked on the west side since the last meeting.

**Student Interns:** Next year we might be able to arrange for part of the hours of the Lexington ConCom student interns to do work at AGM.

**Fall Activities:** We'll have the last 3rd Saturday walk of the year on October 16th and the meadow restoration work day on October 23nd.

**Girl Scout Project:** Sandra talked with Naomi and gave her some ideas and books.

**Bee Hives:** Sandra saw the site recently. There is now only one hive where there used to be two.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Don Miller