

Friends of Arlington's Great Meadows

Steering Committee

June 26, 2013

Present: David White, Sandra Ruggiero, John Bartenstein, Mike Tabaczynski, Sandy Vorce, Don Miller. Guest: Gordon Jones.

Minutes: None available to review.

Ten-Year Report: Reviewed the draft Ten-Year Report. **John** has some suggestions for revision; he will incorporate them and send out the next draft. An additional suggestion was made to revise the wording stating that FoAGM has been named stewards of AGM by the Arlington Board of Selectmen (ABOS). While the ABOS has always approved our requests and encouraged FoAGM in what it does, it has never officially named FoAGM as the stewards of AGM.

It was agreed that the legal section of the Ten-Year Report will be combined with the goals section.

Steering Committee for the Coming Year: Sandy Vorce said she will not be able to continue as a member of the Steering Committee, due to other responsibilities. However, she will be available as a resource to us. The following agreed to serve and were re-elected for the coming year (June 1, 2013 through May 31, 2014):

David White, Chair

Mike Tabaczynski, Treasurer

John Bartenstein

Sandra Ruggiero

Don Miller

The Upland Meadow: John reported that woody plants are growing back in profusely, and he believes it will be too much work to try to continue re-clearing this area by hand. It was agreed to arrange for a mowing late in the summer or early in the fall. A mowing contractor should be asked to clean the "mower bed" so that unwanted plants will not be brought in. Sandy advised that if we wait until late in the summer, much of the plant energy will have been stored in the roots, so mowing may be less effective. If we mow the wildflower area in August, we may reduce the amount of mature seed of wild flowers for next year. **John**

will contact Dennis Busa and Chris Polatin to see on what terms they would be willing to mow this area. **Don** agreed to look for other potential mowing contractors.

Poison ivy is rampant from Fottler Avenue to Circle Avenue.

Trails: Mike is leaving his job in July and going into semi-retirement. **He** will start to look at the need for trail maintenance.

Signage: Mike said that Lexington conservation people are trying new signage – he, **Mike**, will evaluate it for possible use in AGM.

Volunteer from the Netherlands: Sandra has been contacted by a woman from the Netherlands who, as part of her travels in the US, would like to do some volunteer work at AGM. **Sandra** will get back to her and try to set up a mutually agreeable time.

The Boardwalks: How are the two major boardwalks with regard to vegetation over-growing them? **Sandra** will check them out and report back to Don.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Miller