

Friends of Arlington's Great Meadows
Steering Committee
Nov. 2, 2010
Approved 12/7/10

Present: David White, John Bartenstein, Sandy Vorce, Sandra Ruggiero

Minutes: The minutes of Oct 5, 2010 were approved after a small correction.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, Dec. 7th at David's at 7:30.

Upland Meadow Restoration: Review of next steps:

John will contact the Lexington Fire Department for a burn permit and find out when the town allows burns (January 15 – March 1?). He will also find out if there is a cost for fire department supervision. It was mentioned that Stew Kennedy has done prior burning and John will touch base with him. There has been primarily positive feedback from visitors regarding the meadow clearing.

Approval was given of \$53.28 for a legal notice for the Lexington ConCom hearing. David reminded people to send any related expense receipts to Mike for reimbursement.

Discussion of future funding needs and sources:

There was a discussion of the questions that Heather Ruggiero (Antioch New England graduate student in conservation biology) had asked regarding the grant writing that she is researching and doing. It was decided that we need more discussion in terms of what types of projects and activities we may need to fund. One identified project that will require funding is to put down some seed in the entry meadow area in the spring. There is a need to plan for next steps including additional areas to clear in order to determine funding needs. There was a question about pursuing research projects that might help with planning and funding of areas. Sandra will ask Andrea Golden for advice about research projects. John asked about research concerning ecological changes of wetlands and the future impact these changes may have on the area.

Annual report:

The annual report is due in January. Assignments were discussed and drafts are due prior to the next meeting:

Sandy – meadow restoration

Don – education

Mike – resources and finances

Other areas to cover: bee update; research project update

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Vorce