Friends of Arlington’s Great Meadows

### Draft Notes for FoAGM Steering Committee Meeting – July 7 at 7:00

Present: Jeanette Voss, Gordy Jones, Sandra Ruggiero, David White. Regrets: Mike Tabaczynski.

1. Review and approve January 20 Minutes – We noted that a lot has happened since we last met in January. Also a lot of things have not happened or have been put off. We discussed getting some photos (half people and half nature) to Sandra for an “ad” on ACMI community cable. She will check if they are still interested and then collect the photos. Maybe try to get it on Lexington community cable too.
2. Nursing home site redevelopment - A construction fence was put up about two months ago but there is very little activity on site other than some piles of metal shelves – perhaps salvage before demolition. The approved permit includes a public access / fire road along the boundary next to the Emerson Gardens condos and to the existing AGM entrance. But the schedule for completion is unknown to us.

We also noted that the AGM land extends to Maple Street and there is a pull-off there where people could park and walk into AGM. Jeannette plans to check it out.

1. AGM usage – Fewer people (and their dogs) are visiting AGM since the nursing home entrance has been closed. There have been increased signs of coyotes and other wildlife. The AGM partial closure may be a cause of more people at Whipple Hill.
2. Re-appoint steering committee members – We approved appointing all existing Steering Committee members for another year. Everyone present agreed. David will check with those who were not here. We also need to up our recruitment efforts – perhaps on future walks and maybe also through some Arlington connections such as A-DOG.
3. Boardwalk repair – The boardwalk is now 15 years old and some treads need replacement. David will order the lumber and cut it to size. Then in coordination with Mike, Gordy, Lorelle and Jeannette work out getting the boards to where they are needed. We approved spending up to $300 on materials.
4. Directional signage – This was deferred since Mike was not able to make this meeting.
5. Meadow – Fall mowing depends on access. Meadow expansion also put on hold for now.
6. Harvey Coté – Harvey (Bud) passed last winter and FoAGM has received $920 of donations in his name. We plan to put up a page in his memory with some of his photos on our website. [I forget to mention this during the Zoom meeting – David]
7. Next meeting – To be determined as needed and scheduled with Doodle.