**FoAGM Steering Committee Minutes- DRAFT**

**December 13, 2020**

**Present:** David White, Mike Tabaczynski, Jeanette Voss, Lorelle Lee, Michael Ratner, Gordy Jones, Sandra Ruggiero.

1. **Minutes** from July wereapproved.
2. David sent out a rough first draft of the **annual report** for 2020. Please send any comments, corrections, additions to David.

The big news was the boardwalk repair went very smoothly – over 100 boards were removed and replaced. Lorelle did a great job heading it up. Volunteers included cub scouts, neighbors, and Waldorf parents. This individual team approach seems like a flexible and well received way to accomplish the work going forward. We will plan to do this again next Spring.

1. The construction on the “**Nursing Home” site** is progressing. Foundations are in and structural work has begun. We surmise that the visitor parking and AGM access will not be available until the project is completed. Mowing and further restoration of the meadow will need to wait until there is access.
2. **New loop trail** below Circle Road is getting a good deal of traffic

Might need some boardwalks during the wet season. We will see in the spring.

There is a short street walk on Fottler Avenue over Sickle Brook, but otherwise it is entirely within AGM.

New map goal is for when building on nursing home property is complete

Mike will put it on his to do list

Maple Street path and parking is on the agenda of the Greenways Corridors Committee

1. **New Website** –

David is exploring putting up a new website in WordPress. The current site is based on some very old obsolete software (Microsoft Frontpage) and looks it. If you want to help with this let David know. He is meeting on Thurs. with some experienced Arlington people regarding this. WordPress has a google group. More information as the plans progress.

1. **Signage**-

Mike circulated map showing signage locations. He is waiting for feedback from us.

He will recirculate it. One thought is just marking a circle loop.

Perhaps we need to walk this to determine the best way to mark it.

1. **Meadow restoration**-

Application needs to be made with the Lexington ConCom. This will probably be an RDA.

Probably we can use same plan as used for the previous restoration that we carried out in 2010‑11. We could possibly start once the new access road is available.

1. **Outreach**-

“Boot” Boutwell is leading public walks at AGM. David will contact him about promoting FoAGM. AMC limits walks during COVID to 10 people including the leader.

1. **Recruitmen**t-

Sandra will ask if Masha Traber might be interested. Jeanette will ask Andrea Faber. David will look for people from Arlington.

1. **Future priorities**-

Michael Ratner and others expressed concern about invasives especially bittersweet to the right of the Finger Marsh boardwalk. Even the thicker vines could probably be tackled using a good pruning saw or Sawzall (i.e. no chainsaws needed).

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra Ruggiero

With some later revisions by David on 12/19/20.