**FoAGM Steering Committee Minutes- DRAFT**

**April 19, 2021**

**Present:** David White, Mike Tabaczynski, Jeanette Voss, Michael Ratner, Andrea Faber, John Bartenstein (emeritus). Regrets: Sandra Ruggiero, Gordy Jones, Masha Traber.

1. **News –** Work is progressing on the housing project at the former nursing home site. No date known yet when that will be complete and there is AGM access from that area again.
2. **Public events –** David will organize another All Around AGM walk using the new Circle Road trail. Maybe combine with some trash pickup too. Andrea Golden Is doing some iNaturalist events at other Lexington locations. Will ask if she can do one at AGM. Woodcock displays are in March/April.
3. **Boardwalk repair –** Lorelle has surveyed the boardwalks and estimates that about 50-60 (short) boards are ready to be replaced. She is willing to provide a staging site and coordinate as she did last fall. We approved spending $500 for materials. David will contact her.
4. **Invasive Plant Control –** The focus should be on oriental bittersweet which can destroy trees. Michael has identified a number of locations at AGM where it needs removal. This is best done before or after the tick season. The next time for this work will be late fall. Michael will also check out possible assistance from high school students. Michael will also explore use of a drone to identify infested areas.
5. **Signage –** The ACROSS Lexington group wants to put up some orientation signs for the ACROSS paths. They have identified two spots for this in AGM at intersection points. We reviewed the proposal and are in support of it.
6. **Loop Trail –** A new trail was constructed from Sheila to Fottler that completes the loop around AGM. Mike will survey the trail, identify areas for improvement and develop a plan for review and approval by the Lexington Conservation Commission.

With the completion of this trail we now have a loop path around AGM and should mark it as such. We want some distinctive and simple that distinguishes it as being unique to AGM and not part of the ACROSS system. Mike will put something together. Send your ideas to him.

1. **Map Update –** With all these changes we will need to update the AGM map later this year.
2. **Meadow Extension-** 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. Mike will work with David on this.
3. **Website –** David will send around the current version for feedback.
4. **Next Meeting –** Sometime in June.