



Friends of the Meadow
June 4, 2024 at 5:30 pm
Meadow Plaza
Minutes of Special Meeting

Attending: Molly Ackerly, Libby Borden, George Cronin, Doreen Kelly, Paul Madore,
Absent: Lisa Atkin, Martyn Banks,
Guests: Matt Riiska, Steve Melville

Libby called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

The agenda included a discussion of Wholistic Land Care, Matt's Landscaping and Native Habitat Restoration as well as a vision for the Meadow going forward.

Matt Riiska wrote to Mike Nadeau of Wholistic Land Care telling him that Norfolk no longer wishes to employ his services as manager of the Meadow Project. Matt then contacted Native Habitat Restoration and Matt's Landscaping; both agreed to continue working for the town despite Mike Nadeau's departure.

Matt, Libby and George met with Jess Toro and Sari Hoy from Native Habitat Restoration this afternoon and decided on a plan for the rest of the summer. The cattails and phragmites will be mowed by June 15th. Native Habitat Restoration will treat them with herbicides sometime between mid-August and mid-September. During the summer they will cut and treat the shrubby invasives on the banks.

Matt's Landscaping will work on the forebay and the paths and clean up the debris from Native Habitat Restoration's work. Beth Roemaker, who works with Matt's Landscaping and also owns Meadowsapes will provide the town with a draft plan for the Meadow sometime this summer.

The boundaries will be clearly marked.

The town will be responsible for payments.

Ideas for the future vision of the Meadow include signage, the Meadow as a trail hub for Norfolk trails and engagement with local businesses encouraging them to open up the rear of their buildings take advantage of the asset that the meadow will become.

The Friends of the Meadow will also coordinate its landscaping ideas with the NVFD.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20.

George and Libby