

Friends of the Meadow
January 7, 2025 at 6:00 pm
Zoom
Meeting Minutes



Attending:, Molly Ackerly, Lisa Atkin, Mark Burke, Libby Borden, George Cronin, Doreen Kelly, Paul Madore

Absent:, Martyn Banks

Guest: Steve Melville

Libby called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

The minutes of the December meeting were unanimously approved.

George reported that the Meadow account has an approximate balance of \$40,000 with no outstanding invoices. No further payments will be required until well into the summer season, giving the committee ample time to start its capital campaign.

Doreen suggested that we apply for grants from the Evan Hughes Fund and AKC as soon as possible. Paul suggested we look into a possible grant and financial assistance from DEEP Section 319 Request for Proposals for Nonpoint Source Pollution. This grant request is due in February. Libby reminded the committee that The Norfolk Hub is responsible for a portion of the costs of renovation. And an anonymous \$30K has been promised. However, despite these possible contributions, the committee must raise approximately \$150K more in order to complete the plan set forth by Beth.

Earlier Matt had said that the town could budget \$40K annually for Meadow maintenance. The Moore-Bailey Funds of \$7,500 are also available annually. The committee suggested that we find out from Matt as many details as possible about current line items for town maintenance and what the town might reasonably budget for the Meadow going forward. The committee also said that maintenance must be under the auspices of Beth and Matt's Landscaping.

George and Libby had earlier spoken with Ann DeCerbo, who had been very involved with The Little Guild capital campaign, about fundraising ideas for the Meadow. She suggested that the committee solicit the advice of people who are already interested in the success of the Meadow. Once the committee has a general idea of a shared vision, it should move forward with its capital campaign. George and Libby asked the committee members to suggest names of people to interview. A discussion ensued as to whether we should be trying to raise additional monies at this time to fund longer term, more expansive goals.

Libby asked Molly if she had found any archive material to be included on the Meadow section of the town website.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50.

Libby and George