

Friends of the Meadow
June 3, 2025 at 6:00 pm
Town Hall and Zoom
Meeting Minutes



Attending: Molly Ackerly, Libby Borden, Mark Burke, George Cronin, Paul Madore
Absent: Martyn Banks, Doreen Kelly

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

The minutes of the April meeting were unanimously approved.

The committee agreed to spend the \$40K for the maintenance of the Meadow voted on by the town despite opposition from some people at the town meeting.

The current financials have not changed since the April, with the exception of the addition of the \$40K.

George and Libby continue to meet with interested parties and have several others to meet with in the near future.

Neighbors have given their permission for invasive removal on their properties.

George and Libby walked the Meadow with Beth on the previous Friday. George put together a packet that included George and Libby's notes from the walk as well as photographs of each section that Beth discussed. The committee members each received a packet. This will help us keep track of progress during the summer and fall.

The committee agreed that Friends of the Meadow needs a web site presence for information such as is in the packet. Libby and George will speak with Sue Frisch again.

Paul will talk with Bina at the Library about an Instagram presence.

Libby will talk with Avice about an article in Norfolk Now about the current and future state of the Meadow. We will suggest to Avice that she interview Beth.

It was suggested local volunteers could help pull invasives (and lower the maintenance costs) under Beth's supervision.

The areas under the trees in the Plaza have been planted with zinnias interspersed with the remaining grasses. Mulch will be applied.

We will ask Bob Gilchrist's advice about the bushes in the back of the plaza.

Several members from the Friends of the Meadow and Community Association walked the Meadow with Beth a few weeks ago to discuss placement of sculptures both in the Meadow and adjacent areas. The committee will ask Doreen to give an update on NCA sculpture plans at the next Meadows meeting

The Friends of the Meadow has a pledge of \$10K for trees. Beth and the committee are working on details.

Jesica Clark of Willow Vale met with Mark several weeks ago to talk about the possibility of a natural willow sculpture in the Meadow. Mark will set up a meeting with Jesica, the committee, and Beth to further discuss.

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

George and Libby