



Friends of the Meadow
July 1, 2025 at 6:00 pm
The Hub and Zoom
Meeting Minutes

Attending: Libby Borden, Mark Burke, George Cronin, Doreen Kelly, Paul Madore

Absent: Molly Ackerly, Martyn Banks

Guest: Kathryn Boughton, Steve Hutchins

Libby called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

The minutes of the June meeting were unanimously approved.

Libby said that the Meadow account has currently a balance of \$42K. This includes the \$4K grant from the Evan Hughes Fund. In addition, the AKC has granted Friends of the Meadow \$20K, and another \$50K has been pledged. The \$40K for the Meadow maintenance which is in the Town budget will be in a separate account. The Friends of the Meadow committee has jurisdiction over spending decisions for both accounts.

Libby welcomed Steve Hutchins and Kathryn Boughton. George and Libby told the committee that they had met with Paul Padua, Matt Ludwig, Steve Hutchings and Brian Hutchins from the NVFD who said that they would try to have at least one of them attend the monthly Friends meeting. Steve encouraged the committee to reach out to the community about Meadow progress as the town is now contributing to its upkeep.

Doreen reported that the Community Association is working on a sculpture to be placed between the Town Hall and Station Place. She also said that the Lotus will be in the town-owned small park just north of Ben Schiff's property.

The committee was enthusiastic about the harlequin willow trees proposed by Jes Clark of Willow Vale Farm and will pursue the idea.

George reported that Avice Meehan is planning to interview Beth Romaker of Meadowsapes for an article in Norfolk Now. He said that he and Libby will have a table at WIN to publicize the Meadow and gather volunteers.

Paul, George, and Libby are creating a database to inventory Meadow plants which can be used for social media purposes as well as guidelines for volunteers.

Mulch has been applied to the plantings under the trees in the Plaza. The bushes next to the owl are not looking well.

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