



Friends of the Meadow
December 2, 2025 at 6:00 pm
Zoom
Meeting Minutes

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

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

The minutes of the November meeting were unanimously approved.

Libby presented budget figures for both the Friends of the Meadow account and the Meadow Town account. The Friends account has a balance of over \$70K and the Meadow Town account has a balance of over \$25K. The Friends account is used for invasive eradication and new plantings and the Town account is used exclusively for maintenance.

The committee discussed at length how best to use its presence on the Town website. George and Libby will meet with Henry Tirrell about changing the name of the committee back to City Meadow, as City Meadow are the words that have the greatest name recognition. Several members voiced an opinion that the name City Meadow should be changed to something more fitting but all agreed to postpone this initiative to a later date.

Doreen met with Eric at Salisbury Gardens about recommendations for the Plaza and Eric will get back to Doreen about appropriate plantings.

Mark checked out the boardwalk and reported that some boards need to be replaced, but not a lot, and he will make sure this gets done. The replacements will be considered maintenance work.

Both the Native Habitat Restoration projections and Matt's Landscaping estimates for 2026 were distributed to the committee. However, Beth's detailed plan was too large to be distributed by e-mail; George and Libby will make sure all committee members get paper copies.

Doug McDevitt has agreed to give a photography lesson during WIN weekend and use City Meadow for part of his instruction.

The Friends of the Meadow is now a member of the Norfolk Nature Alliance.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:58.

George and Libby