

Arlington Conservation Commission
Minutes
August 1, 2013

Mr. Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. in the second floor conference room of the Town Hall Annex. Present were Nathaniel Stevens, Michelle Durocher, Curt Connors, Charles Tirone, Chris Naylor, Catherine Garnett, and David White of the Commission. Eileen Coleman, of the Commission, was not present. Also present was Bruce Whettle.

7:45 pm – Commission Business:

White/Connors motioned to approve the 7/18 **minutes** as edited; motion passed unanimously.

The Commission cancelled its August 15th meeting due to lack of quorum and its next meeting will take place on Sept. 5.

Ms. Beckwith reported that DCR inspected the mowing at the **Alewife Reservation** near the Greenway project which occurred in the emergent marsh. As the soils and plant bases were not disturbed, the area will regenerate/regrow on its own. The abutter who reported the activity was also present at the site inspection. DCR is utilizing the approved Greenway project planting plan to review if there should be additional plantings of trees and shrubs in this area and the potential to install barriers (such as stones) to prevent the improper mowing from occurring in the future. Ms. Beckwith will set up a site walk with Nancy Putnam to review these barriers. In addition, DCR will do limited hand removal of invasive plants if they try to colonize the mown area. Tirone/White motioned to approve the proposed remedy of the improper maintenance; motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Coleman is coordinating a **Land Stewards** meeting in October 10th and the board will invite a speaker to this event. Ms. Beckwith reserved the Robbins Community Room down stairs at the Robbins Library.

Mr. White reported on the meeting regarding **invasive plant disposal** in Town. He reported that invasive plants can now be disposed of in the regular trash pick up that goes to be incinerated but it should be placed in plastic bags and marked “WEEDS”.

8pm –**Request for Certificate of Compliance** – 18 Hamilton Rd, Spy Pond Condos shoreline stabilization project, DEP File No. 91-214

The Board of Trustees has not given the Commission feedback on whether to issue a full or a partial Certificate. The Commission continued this matter to the next meeting on Sept. 5.

Commission Business (cont.)

Ms. Garnett reported on the ongoing effort to finalize a management plan for the Conservation areas at the **Symmes project**. She has a site walk on Aug. 2 to review the proposal to mow around the sign and sales trailer for the assisted living facility. She would like to set up a site walk with the whole Commission and ALT to review the existing conditions and provide guidance for the management plan.

Ms. Beckwith reported that the presentation on a new kind of **stormwater treatment** is scheduled for Sept. 19, for ½ hour.

Mr. Stevens asked if there was any response in regards to the **tree cutting along Mill Brook** adjacent to Gold' s Gym. Ms. Beckwith had not received any response from two email reminders to Mr. Davidson. The Commission will draft a second notice of violation to provide the landscaping plan by our next meeting on Sept. 5, and noting that further noncompliance may result in additional enforcement action.

Meeting adjourned at 10pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Corinna Beckwith
Commission Administrator