

Arlington Conservation Commission
Minutes
October 17, 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, Charles Tirone, Eileen Coleman, Catherine Garnett, Curt Connors, Chris Naylor, and David White of the Commission. Michelle Durocher of the Commission was not present. Also present were Bruce Wheltle, Cheryl Miller, Jimmy Barvick and his father.

7:45 pm – Commission Business:

Ms. Durocher has asked for a temporary hiatus in attending the meetings. She anticipates that she will return after the new year.

The Conservation Commission has a new **Land Stewards Coordinator**. She is Cheryl Miller and attended this meeting to meet all of the board. She has created a separate email address for this position. landstewardcoord@gmail.com

Mr. Stevens asked if anyone on the Conservation Commission is interested in giving a **presentation** to the Friends of Spy Pond Park.

The Commission discussed work at **335 Mystic St** and whether it was within the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission. They will send a letter to the owners asking for plans, showing resource area lines and erosion controls and for them to attend our next meeting.

The Commission discussed the **Land Stewards meeting**, which was attended by approximately a dozen people, 10 of those who stayed took on properties to adopt.

Ms. Garnett also found out that the new Whole Foods store in Arlington is looking for local groups to sponsor in fundraising efforts at their check out counters. We could suggest that the **Stewardship Fund** be one of the charities.

The Commission is seeking new **No Dumping** signs to install at various properties including Conservation lands. David will provide a picture of one used at AGM.

The Commission discussed the plans for the rocky slope at **Symmies**. The depth of the mulch was questioned by Mr. Naylor and others. He will contact Christine Scypinski to get feedback.

The Commission will send another letter to the **Golds Gym** property owners in regards to the tree cutting along Mill Brook.

Mr. Wheltle reported on the activities taking place at the property at **86 Coolidge Rd**. The owner is showing up after dark to saw on wood without lights.

The Commission signed the Eagle scout forms for the **Window on the Mystic** project for Jimmy Barvick. Ms. Beckwith will inquire again about a donation of gravel from the DPW for the drainage swales. White/Connors motioned to approve the reimbursement of monies spent on this work from the Stewardship fund; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Barvick (senior) also reported that there will be future eagle scouts looking for projects in the next couple of years here in Arlington. We should anticipate this and make a list of projects to suggest: signs, trails at Symmes, Great Meadows, Walking book maps, more at Window on the Mystic.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Corinna Beckwith
Commission Administrator