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Arlington Conservation Commission
Minutes
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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, David White, Charles Tirone, Eileen Coleman, Curt Connors, Chris Naylor, Michelle Durocher and Catherine Garnett of the Commission. Also present were Fred Heger, Megan Burns, Susan and Bruce Whelittle, Doug Stiles, Karon Skinner Catrone, John Connolly, Steve Hurley, Andy Kotsatos, Steven Schaedel, Virginia Hutchinson, Jacolyn Starr, Suzy Nauman, Chris Nauman, Matthias Ritikin, Megan Burns, Zoltan Juhasz, and William Flynn.

7:45 pm – Commission Business:

Connors/Coleman motioned to approve the **11/15 minutes** with edits; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Juhasz presented a possible solution to the drainage problem at **22 Mill St** and was looking for any feedback from the Commission. The work would entail installing a small drain underneath the brick pavers in addition to waterproofing. The drain would connect to the stormdrain in the street. This idea is still being reviewed by the Engineering department. So far in the exploratory work, it appears that there are no large roots penetrating the building. The drain would also have a cleanout sump feature. The owners and consultant will draft up a permit application for this work.

The Commission asked the consultant and owner of **86 Coolidge Rd** to provide further clarification of the work to install a bay window and repair the existing deck. The consultant will install erosion controls at the edge of the yard to protect the wetland below. Ms. Beckwith will come to inspect the erosion controls.

Mr. Whelittle objected to what he viewed as the compartmentalization of this project. He argued that the cumulative impacts of all work on the property and its multiple lots should be considered and cannot be properly assessed without the hiring of the independent consultant who will confirm the presence and extent of the wetlands resource areas on the properties.

Mr. White proposed the issuance of a letter of administrative approval for the minor amount of work proposed by the applicants with the following conditions: 1) the wetland lines are not approved with the granting of this consent, 2) Ms. Beckwith will inspect the erosion controls, 3) the erosion controls will be the limit of work, 4) the dumpster shall be parked up near Coolidge Rd, 5) only the window and deck are approved at this time.

Connors/White motioned to approve the administrative approval; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Quattrini submitted his agreement to restore the **Hemlock St. conservation land**. The Commission discussed the final agreement. Connors/Garnett motioned to approve and sign the agreement; motion passed, with all approving but Mr. Tirone voting to oppose.

Ms. Durocher sent a draft map page of the **Walking Book** revision. Ms. Beckwith had comments and will forward them to the subcommittee.

Ms. Beckwith presented the request to issue a Certificate of Compliance to the owners of **63 Beverly Rd**. She visited the site on November 30 and all areas were stabilized and planted. The permit had just one continuing condition, regarding plantings in the Buffer Zone. Coleman/Connors motioned to issue the release with the one continuing condition; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Stevens updated the Commission on the **Symmes** development. A few more Norway maples were removed when they installed the sales trailer and they will replant a few more trees (other species) later in the project.

Ms. Beckwith reported on visiting the waterfront at the end of **Addison St.** There is still a small wooden structure in the water which is has no permit. She will send another letter to the property owner to remove it.

Ms. Beckwith gave a parcel map to Ms. Durocher for the conservation land at **Philemon Rd.** There are three small parcels that border the Whipple Hill Conservation land in Lexington.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Corinna Beckwith
Commission Administrator