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## Conservation Commission Minutes 01/19/2012

Arlington Conservation Commission  
Minutes  
January 19, 2012

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, Chris Naylor, Curt Connors, David White, Catherine Garnett, and Eileen Coleman of the Commission. Michelle Durocher and Charles Tirone of the Commission did not attend. Robert and John McNamara were also in attendance.

7:45 pm – Commission Business

White/Naylor motioned to approve the 7/14/11, 7/21/11, 8/4/11 and 1/5/12 **minutes** as edited; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. White reported that the **Arlington Reservoir** embankment fill has been placed and compacted at the eroded shoreline area but the area has not fully stabilized. The sedimentation controls along the parking lot are still there but not installed properly. If DPW intends to utilize the parking lot as a snow storage area, the silt fence would need to be properly installed. Ms. Beckwith will convey this information to the DPW. The Commission also asked for an update on progress toward installing a boat ramp.

Jane Howard of the Vision 2020 Spy Pond Task Force sent the Commission a draft Warrant Article to appropriate funds to the Water Bodies Account for endorsement. White/Connors motioned to approve the endorsement; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. White reported that this year's **Ecofest** will take place on 3/31. Ms. Beckwith will inquire if the Commission is participating this year.

8pm – **Discussion** – Arlington Coal and Lumber, work at embankment of Mill Brook

Mr. McNamara brought photos of the work that had been performed to repair concrete blocks along the edge of the lumberyard. The work was completed in one day. They recognized that they should have notified the Commission prior to this work to determine applicability of the WPA and wetlands bylaws.

In addition to replacing deteriorating blocks, they also removed three trees growing in the embankment and installed one new block.

The work seemed to be consistent with maintenance and repair of the existing embankment, but any further work would require a permit from the Conservation Commission.

Commission Business, cont.

Ms. Beckwith quickly reviewed the CLOMR for the development at **Discovery Park** in Cambridge. The document outlines 5 models and multiple scenarios to calculate if there is any impact to the floodplain. Ms. Beckwith could not determine what the impacts were.

If the Town were to formulate a response to this document, then the Conservation Commission would like the Town or the Applicant to hire a consultant to review the data and calculations and to establish whether there is impact to the floodplain.

The Commission scheduled a site walk to **15 Parker Rd** for Friday, January 27 at 8am.

Ms. Beckwith forwarded photos of a tree next to Reeds Brook behind **116 Thesda St**. The homeowners are asking to remove the tree as a potential hazard to falling on their house. The Commission asked for a letter from a certified arborist stating the condition of the tree and outlining the hazard more specifically.

The **Stone Rd** conservation land had a lot of woody debris, large logs and such that are piling up at the bottom of the ravine. Ms. Hansen, whose home abuts the property, is now concerned of the possibility of a fire hazard. Ms. Beckwith will ask DPW to see if they can remove the fallen woody debris from this parcel. Mr. Stevens directed Ms. Beckwith to ask the Legal Dept to send a second letter to the abutters, on Yerxa Rd, who have repeatedly dumped household refuse on this Town owned open space.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Corinna Beckwith  
Commission Administrator