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## Conservation Commission Minutes 06/21/2012

Arlington Conservation Commission  
Minutes  
June 21, 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, David White, Chris Naylor, Eileen Coleman, Michele Durocher, Charles Tirone, and Curt Connors of the Commission. Catherine Garnett, of the Commission, was not present. Also present were Kevin Barbera, Martha Penzenik and Justin Quantrini and family.

7:45 pm – Commission Business:

Connors/Tirone motioned to approve the **6/7 minutes** with edits; motion passed unanimously.

The Conservation Commission will hold a fall clean up **Meadowbrook Park** on November 3, from 9 to noon.

Mr. Stevens reported that the redrafted conservation documents for the **Symmes** redevelopment project will be finalized in August. They have started cleaning up the forest area, removing debris.

Ms. Beckwith reported that there was still no response from the letter sent regarding the dock associated with **30 Addison St.** She did further research and learned it is located on some town land next to Spy Pond. The Commission will investigate further, send notices to proximate property owners, seeking the permits for this dock and then investigate its removal if there are no permits in place.

Mr. White reported that the DPW is still looking for funds for the boat ramp at the **Arlington Reservoir**, and also additional funds for the aquatic weed harvesting.

8pm – Request for Extension – **19 Lakeview St**, DEP File No. 91-190

The Commission held a site walk on Monday 6/18 to this property. Ms. Penzenik presented the minor plan changes, proposal to extend the permit for another three years, proposal to not replace the 2 trees that are to be removed with the house addition. The minor design changes are to the footings of the addition.

The board observed the dense tree cover on most of the property and suggested that maybe an alternative replanting could occur at the shoreline to Spy Pond. The homeowner and architect were amenable to this replacement planting idea.

Mr. Tirone asked questions about erosion controls and access of machinery. Ms. Penzenik will submit an amended erosion control plan to include his suggestions.

Connors/White motioned to approve the extension for an additional three years and that the minor plan changes are consistent with those not requiring an amendment to the Order of Conditions; motion passed unanimously.

Other Commission Business:

Mr. Quantrini was present to discuss the fence on conservation land on **Hemlock St.** He presented a proposal to the board for consideration. Ms. Beckwith also drafted a proposal for resolving the problem. The Commission also reviewed a memo from Juliana Rice, Town Counsel, concerning the Article 97 law that sets up difficult procedures to change the use of Conservation Land. Mr. Stevens will forward the policy underlying Town Counsel's memo to the

board to help discern what course of action is warranted. The Commission will also hold a site walk to the conservation land.

Ms. Beckwith forwarded a letter from a certified arborist justifying the removal of a large diseased cherry tree (located 95 feet from the wetland) on the property adjacent to **86 Coolidge Rd.** The Commission concurred that this tree could be safely removed from the site, leaving the stump in place (could grind down the top) and reserving the right to require its replacement at a future date.

Mr. Stevens asked the Commission if they wish to join in a letter of opposition regarding the repeal of certain aspects of the Endangered Species Act in Massachusetts (**MESA**). The request was from Jennifer Ryan, Legislative Director of MassAudubon. White/Naylor motioned to approve the signing onto this letter; motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Beckwith notified the board of the start of work to demolish and rebuild the house at **339 Mystic St.** The erosion controls will be inspected on Monday 6/25 and then Ms. Beckwith will sign off on the demolition permit. The proposed work is all beyond the 100 foot Buffer Zone to the Lower Mystic Lake. The landscaping work will be a later phase and application made to the Commission.

Ms. Durocher reported that the **Walking Book** is progressing. The subcommittee composed the list of properties to be included and grouped on each map. Next the maps will be drafted.

Meeting adjourned at 10pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Corinna Beckwith  
Commission Administrator