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Conservation Commission Minutes 12/15/2011

Arlington Conservation Commission
Minutes
December 15, 2011

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, Catherine Garnett, Michelle Durocher and Eileen Coleman of the Commission. David White and Charles Tirone of the Commission did not attend. Also present was Jonathon Moore.

7:45 pm – Commission Business

Ms. Garnet reported that the Reservoir Committee had a site meeting to discuss the access point to the water and the shoreline erosion. The town may possibly rent mats to be placed on the pathway to utilize the same access point and build a boat ramp. The rest of the board asked if it was possible to just restore the slope and use mats to stabilize the area for future work to remove **water chestnuts**.

Coleman/Connors motioned to approve the payment of \$152 to Martine Gougalt for the **bulbs** at the Habitat garden at the Reservoir from the Arlington Land Stewards Fund to be administered by the Arlington Land Trust with the condition that Ms. Gougalt provide a receipt for the purchase; motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Garnet also described the **theft of shrubbery** from the habitat garden at the Reservoir. The thief carefully removed whole plants and refilled the holes.

Ms. Beckwith reported on the site walk to **42 Spy Pond Parkway**, DEP File No. 91-235, to inspect for a Certificate of Compliance. Ms. Beckwith met the LSP, Jonathon Moore, there and he answered questions on the IRA documents for 21E compliance. The site work was complete and the while there was bare soil at the site of the excavation, it couldn't migrate toward the water body since the ground sloped in the other direction or was flat. The reports showed no groundwater contamination and only minor soil contamination in the location of the rear foundation.

Naylor/Connors motioned to issue the Certification of Compliance with no conditions; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Stevens reported that the Spy Pond Committee discussed the **Water bodies account** and the projected needs for the multiple water bodies in town. It was concluded that upwards of \$50K would be needed next year.

Mr. Stevens also reported the **Symmes** site redevelopment is moving forward with new developers (a coalition) and the Conservation Restriction may need to be updated. Mr. Naylor asked if the Con Com would review the NPDES submission.

The **Walking Book subcommittee** met on 12/14 and worked on structural changes to the booklet.

A Pleasant St resident was in contact with Ms. Beckwith regarding a **retaining wall** and tree on his steep embankment adjacent to Spy Pond. The Commission will draft a written response to this resident so that he may be guided in the appropriate direction for how to proceed with repairs.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Corinna Beckwith
Commission Administrator