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Conservation Commission Minutes 03/17/2011

Arlington Conservation Commission
Minutes
March 17, 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, David White, Charles Tirone, Ellen Reed, and Curt Connors of the Commission. Catherine Garnett, of the Commission, was not in attendance. Chris Naylor, Al Gala, Andy Leonard, and Frank Koll were also in attendance.

7:45 pm – Commission Business

Reed/White motioned to approve the **3/3 minutes** with edits; motion passed unanimously.

Ecofest is on 3/26/11 and the Commission coordinated their schedules to attend the event.

The Commission will organize a clean up of **Meadowbrook Park**.

Mr. Stevens and Ms. Beckwith proposed the transfer of \$4K in **fees funds** to the general fund. White/Connors motioned to approve the transfer; motion passed unanimously.

Patrick Herron of Mystic River Watershed Association asked if he could be forwarded the **agenda** for the Conservation meetings. The board recommended that he could be sent the link to the agendas.

Mr. Stevens reported on topics from the annual meeting of **MACC**. He attended seminars on Land Stewards and on permeable pavers.

8pm **Notice of Intent** – reconstruction of tennis courts at Wellington Park

White/Connors motioned to continue this hearing to 4/7, at the applicant's request, at 8:15pm: motion passed unanimously.

8:15pm **Abbreviated Notice of Intent** – Reservoir Habitat garden

Mr. White recused himself from the Commission as he is a project proponent.

Mr. White presented the maintenance plan for this project. The work will be done with volunteers and the DPW.

The Commission will require that 1) no chemicals are used at all, no Round Up, 2) utilizing handtools for planting, 3) inspect for invasive plants annually, 4) mow the area in the late fall, before November 15. These conditions should be printed in a maintenance sheet for the volunteers and DPW and shown to the Conservation Commission for approval.

Reed/Connors motioned to approve the project with the above conditions; motion passed, 3 to 1. Mr. Tirone didn't approve the use of the Abbreviated NOI on the >3000 sf. project.

8:30pm **Elizabeth Island** – approval of Conservation Restriction

The language was modified regarding egg addling of nuisance species.

Reed/White motioned to approve the Conservation Restriction; motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Corinna Beckwith
Commission Administrator