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Conservation Commission Minutes 04/07/2011

Arlington Conservation Commission
Minutes
April 7, 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, Catherine Garnett, and Curt Connors of the Commission. Ellen Reed, of the Commission, was not in attendance. Chris Naylor, Al Gala, and Andy Leonard were also in attendance.

7:45 pm – Commission Business

Along with Mr. Naylor, four more **applicants** have submitted papers to join the Conservation Commission. The board reviewed the application letters and resumes.

Mr. White **donated a clock** to the conference room.

Ecofest was well attended and the Commission discussed the coordination of this interest toward revitalization of the Land Steward program.

The Commission discussed the effort to replant after the **phragmites** removal work was completed at various locations around Spy Pond.

Mr. Tirone asked about the landscaping at **0 Spy Pond Parkway**.

Mr. White reiterated the need to control runoff at the **Forest St** property at Mill Brook.

The Commission received an email regarding trash at **Gold's Gym** ending up in Geri's Brook.

8:15pm **Notice of Intent** – reconstruction of tennis courts at Wellington Park

This hearing was continued from 3/17.

Mr. Leonard presented responses to how the project complies with the Riverfront regulations and the percent increase in impervious surfaces.

The increase in impervious surface will be 2.9% in the Riverfront Area and 2.8% for the entire project.

Mr. Tirone took issue with the previously degraded description of the park, the increase in size of the courts, the courts moving closer to the waterway, lack of alternative designs, lack of mitigation.

The project includes removal of park development features (an asphalt path, a fire pit, swing set and sand pit) that are closer to the waterway than the tennis courts. The drainage will be disposed of in an infiltration system.

The Commission asked if additional native plantings (area of 2000 sf) could be installed closer to the waterway in the general location of the existing firepit. Mr. Leonard thought this would be feasible. The permit would include a condition to submit a design for this planting area.

The Commission also will add a condition to replace the rose plants along the front of the project with other native shrubs.

White/Tirone motioned to accept this proposal with the two above conditions; motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Corinna Beckwith
Commission Administrator