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Conservation Commission Minutes 05/19/2011

Arlington Conservation Commission
Minutes
May 19, 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, and Curt Connors of the Commission. Catherine Garnett, of the Commission, was not in attendance. Eileene Coleman and Michelle Durocher, applicants for new positions with the Commission, attended. Chris Naylor and Dan Morse, more applicants for new positions with the board, were not in attendance. Also present were Ann Marton, Jonathon Moore, Kevin Hoag, Sue Doctrow, Leslie Mayer, Andrew Leonard, Al Gala, Mark and Gayle Namchuk, Paul McCarthy, Sandi Silk, Rich Kosian, and Mike Binette.

7:45 pm – Commission Business

Connors/White motioned to approve the 4/28 and 5/5 **minutes** with edits; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. White updated the Commission on the work at the **Reservoir Habitat Garden**. He presented details on the need to install a water line to the garden. The DPW would donate the labor if we could come up with funds for the materials. They will file for a permit for this work to run a line from the existing water main on Lowell Street.

8pm **Working Session** – Thorndike Field Dog Park

Mr. Leonard presented draft plans for a fenced dog park in the corner of the field near the Rt. 2 bridge and bike path. The project would surround the large oak tree on the end. The layout maximizes the size of the dog park without interfering with the layout of the soccer fields. The park includes a path, gravel groundcover, shed, dog obstacle course, and other amenities. The tree will provide needed shade.

Mr. Tirone asked if the size of the park could be reduced to avoid construction in the Buffer Zone to the cattail marsh.

Ms. Beckwith asked if subdrains could connect to an adjacent swale to provide treatment for dog urine runoff. She also warned the designers to locate the adjacent gas line next to the highway embankment, as this has caused an adjacent project the need to relocate to avoid it.

8:15pm **Enforcement** - 42 Spy Pond Parkway

Ms. Marton is currently compiling information for the Notice of Intent filing for this work. The LSP is Jonathon Moore of Omni Environmental. Ms. Marton brought photos of the tank, soil, cover on the soil, erosion controls installed, dirt piles and chain link fence. Ms. Marton acknowledged that, based on her initial review, things were not handled by the homeowner and its representatives as it should have been. She expects to file the Notice of Intent in time for the Commission's next meeting.

Ms. Beckwith will also schedule a site walk.

8:30pm **Discussion** – Symmes

A developer hoping to take over development of the Symmes site presented their intention of carrying out the previous development plan as previously proposed and wanted to know if the Commission had any other questions. The

Commission asked a few brief questions but had no other comment.

Commission Business (cont.)

The Commission will sign up for **Town Day** on September 17.

The Commission reported on the **cleanup of Meadowbrook Park** on May 7th. The event was attended by Bill O'Rourke, Ken Twombly, Julie McDaniel, Curt Connors, Cori Beckwith, Daniel Beckwith, Adam Beckwith, Chuck Tirone, the twins (names please Chuck). The largest debris found this year were a few tires. The most hazardous was a syringe.

Ms. Beckwith scheduled a site walk to **34 Forest St** to inspect the edge of the parking lot and recommend solutions to controlling direct runoff to Mill Brook. The Commission wants a cape cod berm with a planting bed installed at the front of the property with shrubs to allow for the runoff to infiltrate. This work should be done by the end of June. Ms. Garnett could provide plant suggestions.

Meeting adjourned at 10pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Corinna Beckwith
Commission Administrator