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Conservation Commission Minutes 11/18/2010

Arlington Conservation Commission
 Minutes
 November 18, 2010

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, Charles Tirone, David White, Ellen Reed, Curt Connors and Catherine Garnett of the Commission. Mr. and Mrs. Van Thong and Brian Rehrig were also present.

7:45 pm – Commission Business

Ms. Beckwith reported on a site walk to 343 Mystic St to investigate a report of work in a resource area without a permit. Ms. Beckwith photographed the area on 11/10 and observed that no work had taken place. She will draft a letter to the homeowners stating that there is no need for further review since the report was in error.

7:45pm - Executive Session - session was not conducted, this item was continued to 12/2 at 7:45pm

8pm Notice of Intent – 30-50 Mill St apartment building

This hearing was continued from 11/4.

Reed/White motioned to continue this hearing, at the applicant's request, to 12/2/10 at 8pm; motion passed unanimously.

8:30pm Amendments to Bylaw Regulations

Ms. Garnett presented revised planting regulations and Mr. Stevens submitted emergency certification regulations for further review. White/Reed motioned to continue this item to 12/2 at 8:30pm; motion passed unanimously.

8:45pm Presentation – photos of Spy Pond. This topic was tabled to a future date

9pm Discussion – Elizabeth Island agreement

Mr. Rehrig, Treasurer of Arlington Land Trust (ALT) presented an agreement between the Arlington Land Trust and the Conservation Commission stating the commitment for the transfer of \$22,000 in funds from the Conservation Land fund to the ALT for the purposes of purchasing Elizabeth Island and ALT granting a conservation restriction to the Conservation Commission.

The agreement was drafted by Juliana Rice, Town Counsel and includes a draft of a Conservation Restriction. The final Conservation Restriction, once edited to pertain to this particular parcel, will be recorded and then the Conservation Commission can disburse the monies.

A bridge loan is being provided by Mass. Audubon to ALT to complete the transaction. The closing is on 12/9.

White/Connors motioned to approve of and sign the agreement; motion passed unanimously.

The entire Commission and Mr. Rehrig, as Treasurer of Arlington Land Trust, signed two copies of the document. One original is in the Conservation Commission files.

Commission Business (cont.)

Connors/White motioned to approve the 11/4 minutes as edited; motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Beckwith loaned Mr. Connors a field manual on vernal pools.

The Commission expressed interest in reestablishing a Land Stewards meeting in the spring.

Ms. Beckwith reported that the 14 Reed St project has filed a request for a Certificate of Compliance. She will forward the materials to the Commission. The board asked if there were any conditions in the permit requiring future reporting on the revegetation area. They might want to check the viability of the plantings in the spring time.

Reed/Garnett motioned to approve the 2011 meeting schedule; motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Corinna Beckwith
Commission Administrator