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## Conservation Commission Minutes 12/18/2008

ARLINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
 MINUTES  
 DECEMBER 18, 2008

Mr. Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the second floor conference room of the Town Hall Annex. Present were Nathaniel Stevens, David White, Charles Tirone, Ellen Reed, William O'Rourke and Catherine Garnett of the Commission, as was Associate Member Ezra Benjamin. Brian Thomas, applying for Associate membership, was also in attendance. Mary Gilbert was also in attendance, to eat cookies.

7:30 p.m. - COMMISSION BUSINESS

Mr. White reported that the Cookes Hollow Request for Proposals is very nearly complete and will be advertised after the first of the year.

Ms. Beckwith reported that the landscape plans for 9 Brantwood Rd., which has a conservation restriction, are on hold, but it was confirmed with the landowner that no work will be done until after review by the Conservation Commission and abutters.

7:45pm – NOTICE OF INTENT – ALEWIFE GREENWAY (DEP File #91-200)

This hearing was continued from 11/6/08. The Department of Conservation and Recreation has requested to continue this hearing until April 2, 2009, for finalizing of detail plans.

Reed/White motioned to continue the public hearing to 4/2/09 at 8pm; motion passed unanimously.

COMMISSION BUSINESS (cont.)

Ms. Beckwith presented the request to issue the Certificate of Compliance for McClennan Park (aka Reeds Brook) (DEP File #91-134). This project is complete and there are a handful of ongoing conditions relating to reporting and maintenance. A letter from the Applicant's engineer stated that the project was constructed according to the plans approved by the Commission. White/Garnett motioned to issue the Certificate of Compliance with the ongoing conditions; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Tirone drafted a proposed amendment to the Conservation Land regulations to prohibit off-leash dog walking. This is in reaction to the inclusion of Conservation lands in the proposed Green Dog program, under review townwide. The Commission agreed to draft another letter to the Green Dog proponents asking to have all Conservation lands removed from the list of proposed open spaces for this program.

The owner of 218 Pleasant St reported that she had installed burlap for ground cover on the bare slopes on her property. Mr. Tirone observed that the end of the drain pipe was still open. Ms. Beckwith wrote the landowner a letter requesting straw bales be installed at the end of the drain pipe.

The ENF for the Mystic Dam Rehabilitation project was under review by the Commission. We have one comment regarding the proposed flood level control. Mr. O'Rourke would draft the comment and forward to Ms. Beckwith to send in a letter to MEPA. Ms. Beckwith asked if a wildlife habitat evaluation would be required. Mr. Stevens responded that the thresholds in the March '06 version of the WPA regulations DEP Guidance on Inland Wildlife Habitat Evaluation would have to be considered consulted by the Applicant and if they any thresholds are exceeded for a detailed wildlife habitat evaluation, then one then an evaluation is required. Ms. Beckwith recounted that herring and eagles are obvious elements of the wildlife population and the there are no endangered species habitats on record with the Commonwealth for this location.

Mr. Benjamin was appointed by the Board of Selectmen on Monday 12/15, and would will now need to get sworn in at the Town

Clerk office, in order to be a full voting member. Mr. Thomas is interested in the an Associate membership position.

Meeting adjourned at 10pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Corinna Beckwith  
Administrator