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## **Conservation Commission Minutes 05/15/2008**

ARLINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
MAY 15, 2008

Mr. White called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m. in the second floor conference room of the Town Hall Annex. Present were David White, Charles Tirone, William O'Rourke, Tim Sullivan.  
Ms. Gladys Wiggins of 176 Lowell St was also in attendance.

7:30 p.m. - COMMISSION BUSINESS

The draft RFP for the Cooke's Hollow landscape design and Engineering plan was reviewed and several changes were recommended.

7:50pm – 176 Lowell Street – Notice of Noncompliance for removal of stream side vegetation.

Ms. Wiggins appeared in response to a letter of noncompliance that had been sent to her. She explained that she had some brush and some small trees removed so that some plants (lilies) that had been planted there previously would have a chance to recover.

Mr. O'Rourke noted that the trees which were growing immediately adjacent to the wall enclosing the brook could be a cause of future wall failure and damage to Mill Brook and its resource area.

Tirone/O'Rourke moved that the work fell within allowed maintenance and that no further action was necessary. We also requested that Ms Wiggins inform the Commission before any future tree removal in this area. The motion was unanimously approved.

8:10pm – MWRA Pumping Station

Mr. Tirone reported that some trees had fallen across Mill Brook at the MWRA Pumping Station off Brattle Street and whether we had anything to say about their removal. We agreed that since the removal would only take a short time that we had no concerns other than that the current infiltration barrier (hay bales) be promptly replaced after the work was done. We also agreed that they should contact the Town Engineer in advance - especially in regards to any possible damage to the walls enclosing Mill Brook.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
David White  
Chair and Scribe per tem