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Conservation Commission Minutes 06/05/2008

ARLINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
JUNE 5, 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, and Catherine Garnett of the Commission, as was Associate Member Ezra Benjamin. Tim Sullivan and William O'Rourke of the Commission were not in attendance. Michael Rademacher, Town Engineer, attended for the Gould St project. John Aevazelis of Coneco Eng. & Sci., Beverly Auxford-Paiva of National Grid (Keyspan), Lyndsey Colburn of ERM, Helene Cyr and Kathleen White attended for the Grove St project. Eric Parkes and Sabine Keller presented the Brooks Ave project.

7:30 p.m. - COMMISSION BUSINESS

7:45pm – REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY – GOULD RD sewer repair

Mr. Rademacher presented the work to repair a sewer pump station and connecting pipe to four houses along the shore of Spy Pond in the vicinity of Gould Rd. Currently the pipes are leaking and the pump is working constantly to pump groundwater inflows. The proposed work is to place three new precast manhole accesses, a new pump and to repair the pipe with trenchless liners (sleeves and grout). Backhoes will be necessary for the manhole installations. The erosion controls are placed on the plan accordingly. There should be a minimum of vegetation disturbance but any tree removal shall be replaced. The work is to be scheduled in mid-summer when groundwater is lowest. The dewatering will be into the sewer or offsite as it could have sewage contamination. The work should only take about 1 day for each manhole.

Mr. Rademacher agreed to install only siltfence and no haybales for erosion controls.

If the six (6) inch Sugar Maple needs to be removed for the work, the same shall be replaced. The abutters will be notified by Mr. Rademacher.

White/Tirone motioned that even though the work is within the Buffer Zone to Spy Pond, it will not alter the resource area; motion passed unanimously.

8pm NOTICE OF INTENT – 53 GROVE ST gas line redevelopment

Ms. Colburn presented the project to repair and improve the natural gas pipelines located at 53 Grove St and responded to questions.

There is a small white shed behind the existing brick building that will be removed entirely. The site currently has no vegetation and the ground has both asphalt and stone gravel. There will be three locations of work; the adjacent soccer field, the roadway and the "yard". The deepest trenching will occur in the soccer field.

All above ground conditions will be returned to the existing. All soils from the trench work will be removed offsite entirely. The soils from the roadway have to be stored at the yard until they are tested and the disposal route determined, then they will be removed. Otherwise, no stockpiling will occur on the project.

The groundwater is at 17 feet. A Licensed Site Professional (LSP) will oversee all work on the job.

One resident of Grove St. Place asked about the odors emanating from the site. The Keyspan representative reported that the odorant mercaptan is stored in a tank on the site and is very smelly when it leaks or is filled.

Reed/Garnett motioned, as there were no further questions from the public, to close the hearing; motion passed unanimously.

Reed/White motioned to approve the project with the conditions described during the hearing; motion passed unanimously.

8:15pm REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY - 8 BROOKS AVE

Mr. Parkes presented the work to construct a second floor addition to an existing two-family house which is immediately adjacent to a small isolated wetland (a remnant of the Great Swamp) and within the floodplain.

The addition will be supported on two posts anchored with helical borings with a cement cap. Any excess soils from the borings shall be completely removed from the site. The Commission asked that the erosion control line be extended to near the back corner of the house and that it be in place prior to construction beginning.

Tirone/White motioned that even though the work is within floodplain and the Buffer Zone to an isolated wetland that the proposed work will not alter the resource areas; motion passed unanimously.

COMMISSION BUSINESS (cont.)

Town Day, which is on September 20, 2008, applications are available. Ms. Beckwith will sign up for the Conservation Commission.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Corinna Beckwith
Administrator