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## Conservation Commission Minutes 07/17/2008

ARLINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
JULY 17, 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, and Ellen Reed of the commission, was Associate Member Ezra Benjamin. Catherine Garnett and William O'Rourke of the Commission were not in attendance, as was Cori Beckwith, Commission Administrator. Martha Penzenik, architect, and Robert and Elaine Bowes, property owners of 26 Lakeview were also in attendance.

7:30 p.m. - COMMISSION BUSINESS

Mr. Sullivan will be moving out of town soon and therefore the Commission will need a new member and hopes that Mr. Benjamin would be appointed as a full member of the board.

White/Tirone motioned to approve that monthly monitoring of 40-42 Brattle St is no longer necessary; motion passed unanimously. DPW removed silt sacks after July 7, 2008. The Commission will ask MWRA to replace silt sacks and monitor during their work.

DCR consultant has requested to remove erosion control along path along Alewife Brook from the T access road westward to the Cambridge City boundary. Ms. Beckwith visited the site and reported that all criteria have been met. White/Tirone motioned to remove erosion control, motion passed unanimously.

The Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife reports in a letter addressed to Town Manager Brian Sullivan, that Engelmann's Umbrella Sedge, a threatened aquatic plant, has been identified along the shore of Spy Pond. This letter is in response to the Town's proposal to treat the water with aquatic herbicides, DEP File No. 194. Mr. Stevens will leave a copy of the letter for the Planning Department.

7:45pm - NOTICE OF INTENT - 26 LAKEVIEW ST

Due to mis-understanding of the applicant's representative, no abutter notifications were sent and Commission members did not receive copies of this application. The hearing have to will be continued to the August 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Ms. Penzenik presented the project to move the front entry of the house and to balance out architectural details on the side of the house. No work will be done on the Spy Pond side of the house and there will be no need to remove any trees. Existing paving to existing porch will be removed and reduce pervious surfaces on the lot. Additional proposed terrace will be paved with pervious pavers. Proposed masonry stairs and to straighten existing stone walls off the garage. Staging will take place in the existing driveway at top of the property.

Mr. Stevens asked where the wash water will go from the concrete mixing. Ms. Penzenik responded that this can go straight into the foundation excavation.

Mr. Tirone asked if erosion control is necessary for this project. Silt sacks at the storm drains are recommended and will need to be monitored for the duration of the outdoor work.

Mr. Tirone asked that are slightly larger scale drawing be submitted with erosion controls marked on the plan as well as staging area.

Reed/Tirone moved to continue the hearing to August 7<sup>th</sup> so that the abutters may be notified and that the board may receive and

review the application materials; motion passed unanimously.

COMMISSION BUSINESS (cont.)

The owners of 9 Brantwood Road are going to request to remove invasive plants from the area under the Conservation Easement. Ms. Reed agreed to walk by and take a look.

White/Tirone motioned to approve the minutes from 19 June; motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ellen Reed