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Conservation Commission Minutes 09/18/2008

ARLINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
 MINUTES
 SEPTEMBER 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 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. Brad Barber, Jim Doherty, Karen Grossman and Leslie Mayer, Jim Burher and Sean Hale were also in attendance. David Levy, Executive Director of the Housing Corporation of Arlington was also present.

7:30 p.m. - COMMISSION BUSINESS

Ms. Beckwith asked for comments for a flyer for the Town Day table on coyotes. Mr. White asked that the photo be placed on the front.

Ms. Beckwith reported on a call regarding dumping at the Mt. Gilboa Conservation Land. She phoned the report in to the police department. Mr. White took photos of the debris. Ms. Beckwith will ask the DPW to pick it up for proper disposal.

Mr. Doherty asked about the permit on 0 Spy Pond Parkway. Mr. Stevens directed him to proceed with the permit extension and the Commission would reissue the previous permit, as the original is lost.

7:45pm WORKING SESSION– Spy Pond Park (91-170) – landscaping maintenance

Ms. Grossman presented the plan outlined by Carol Johnson and Associates for maintenance items for the park project. The plan was drawn up in April and since that time more plants have grown in to the bare areas.

Two larger items, the beach and the paths erosion, were discussed in further detail.

Ms. Mayer responded that the Town has no more capital monies for this project.

8:15pm NOTICE OF INTENT – 46 POND LANE

Mr. Hale presented the project to reconstruct the existing single family home within the Buffer Zone to Spy Pond. The project is redevelopment. A drywell will be installed in the lawn area to accept the basement drains. The owners are asking to replace the existing fence at the boundary to the park. They will install two white pines in the yard to mitigate for removal of a multi-stemmed tree at the fence-line.

The Commission asked that a plan be kept on file to show the landscape plan, areas of lawn, shrubs and trees. The strip of vegetation on the embankment to the pond is to be left entirely alone.

White/Tirone motioned to approve the project as proposed; motion passed unanimously.

8:30pm WORKING SESSION- 74 Spy Pond Parkway, phragmites control

Mr. Barber is proposing to remove a clump of phragmites on the shore of his home. He will employ the services of Aquatic Control Technology (ACT) whom has worked on the pond in the past. They have worked in the town in the past.

The property is north of the Kelwyn Manor park on Spy Pond Parkway. The patch of phragmites is approximately 300 square feet in size. The proposal is to spray glyphosate from a back-pack sprayer. The Commission advised that a permit would be required.

Ms. Beckwith made an appointment to review the application procedures with Mr. Barber.

9pm WORKING SESSION – 34 Forest St, maintenance activities

Mr. Levy reviewed a list of deferred maintenance activities that will be required on this property once the Housing Corporation of Arlington acquires it. The property is being checked for floodplain and it is in the Riverfront Area. They are also interested in buying 11-13 Pierce St which is within the jurisdiction of the Commission as well. Both properties will need RDA's for the maintenance activities.

COMMISSION BUSINESS (cont.)

The Commission quickly discussed the new Faces Nightclub redevelopment. Ms. Beckwith is drafting a comment letter.

There are a few comments on the FEMA study and revision and the Commission is reviewing these materials.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Corinna Beckwith
Administrator