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Conservation Commission Minutes 10/18/2007

ARLINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
 MINUTES

OCTOBER 18, 2007

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, Ellen Reed, David White, Associate Member Chuck Tirone, Tim Sullivan, Judith Hodges, Catherine Garnett, and William O'Rourke of the Commission. Ezra Benjamin was in attendance to review the work of the Commission, with the intent of joining the board. Brigid Kennedy-Pfister attended for 90-92 Fairmont St. Bob Bowes was also in attendance.

7:30 p.m. - COMMISSION BUSINESS

White/Reed motioned to approve the 10/4 minutes as drafted; motion passed unanimously.

Reed/White motioned to approve having Ezra Benjamin serve as an associate member of the Commission; motion passed unanimously.

The Commission has received the FEMA floodplain revision maps. They are also posted on the Town's website. Mr. O'Rourke reported that the town is working on hiring a consultant to review the FIS and maps for the Town.

Mr. White and Mr. Stevens conducted a site walk on 10/11 to 67 Beverly Rd and submitted photos showing landscaping and position of the proposed renovation relative to the concrete wall at the mean high water of the Upper Mystic Lake. The house is not in the floodplain.

A large meeting of the Green Dog program is being held 10/25 and Mr. Tirone, Ms. Garnett and Ms. Reed will attend.

7:45pm – REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY – 90-92 FAIRMONT ST, landscaping

Ms. Kennedy-Pfister presented the proposal to remove a large Norway Maple in the Riverfront Area and Floodplain of this property, as well as maintain and add new plantings to the yard, including a small shed.

The Commission continued the hearing to the 11/1 meeting at 7:45pm, in order to conduct a site walk on 10/24/07.

COMMISSION BUSINESS, CONT.

The Arlington Conservation Commission was contacted by the Belmont Conservation Commission, asking if we had any other comments for the Belmont Uplands development. The ACC has commented through the MEPA process extensively on any watershed and/or regional environmental concerns. It will be sad if this area is developed as it does have extensive habitat values. The ACC does support the state's initiative to purchase the property and add it to the DCR's Alewife Reservation.

Mr. White reported that the crematorium wall idea is being proposed for Cookes Hollow park at the 11/26 meeting of the Cemetery Committee.

Ms. Garnett reported the hiring of Heimlich Landscaping for the Reservoir Planting project.

Ms. Hodges is retiring from the Commission, as of this meeting, as she is moving out of town. She will be dearly missed.

Meeting adjourned at 10pm
 Respectfully submitted,
 Corinna Beckwith
 Administrator