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Conservation Commission Minutes 12/07/2006

ARLINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

DECEMBER 7, 2006

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 David White, Timothy Sullivan, Judith Hodges, Ellen Reed, Catherine Garnett, William O'Rourke and Chuck Tirone of the Commission. Joe Sousa and Ron deVenecia were present for 54 Spy Pond Parkway. Don Bockler, FAR, was present to discuss flooding in the Alewife Reservation.

7:30 pm - COMMISSION BUSINESS

Reed/Hodges motioned to approve the meeting schedule for 2007; motion passed unanimously.

White/O'Rourke motioned to approve the 11/16 minutes with minor edits; motion passed unanimously.

7:45pm — 54 SPY POND PARKWAY- REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY for second floor addition to existing house

Mr. Tirone went to the site on 12/7. Mr. Sousa explained that the work will include an expansion of the second floor of the house, a front porch and the removal of a broken concrete patio, 300 sf in area, with no machinery. The area will be a playing area. Siltation controls will be placed between the work and the shoreline of Spy Pond. Mr. Tirone asked that conditions be placed upon the work to include clean site practices, that the dumpster is covered each day, the site is swept daily and that no materials are stored within the Buffer Zone to the pond.

Mr. Tirone asked if there was a storm drain inlet in the street near this property. Mr. Sousa nor Mr. deVenecia knew the answer to this question. If there is an inlet, Mr. Sousa said that he would provide sedimentation controls, such as a Siltsack.

The work is clearly within the Buffer Zone to the Bank of Spy Pond, and the house is probably not within Floodplain, as the lot is higher than the adjacent Kelwyn Manor park. Mr. Tirone asked if the Natural Heritage program gets a copy of this permit in order to review for endangered species. Ms. Beckwith explained that only NOIs go to Natural Heritage and that any required filing under the Mass. Endangered Species Act is a separate responsibility of the Applicant.

White/O'Rourke motioned to issue a Determination of Applicability saying that the work, with the conditions discussed, while within the jurisdiction of the Commission, does not require the filing of a Notice of Intent approve the project as proposed, with the above conditions and that the work is within a jurisdictional area; motion passed unanimously.

8:30pm – DISCUSSION – Don Bockler, representative from Friend of Alewife Reservation

Mr. Bockler showed the Commission a series of photographs of the path system within the Alewife Reservation during a recent flood event, Nov. 12. He presented his material to the latest Belmont Zoning Board meeting on the proposed development of the Belmont Uplands parcel.

COMMISSION BUSINESS (cont.)

Mr. Tirone reported that construction was taking place at 107 Spy Pond Parkway and he thought that this work was within 100 feet of the pond. The Commission will investigate further.

Mr. White asked the Commission to brainstorm on the selection of a design consultant for the Cookes Hollow project. We came up with a list of 4 or 5 consultants.

The Commission discussed the sale of Elizabeth Island in Spy Pond. Brian Rehrig of the Arlington Land Trust is in negotiations with the landowner, to secure and permanently preserve this open space.

Mr. Tirone has been conducting site walks to 40, 42 Brattle St. DEP File #91-186. Mr. Stevens ratified suggested the issuance of an Enforcement Order if the project owner did not comply with installing appropriate erosion controls and the hiring of an Environmental Monitor, both conditions in the permit.

Mr. O'Rourke submitted copies of the Reservoir planting plan to Ms. Beckwith to store in the Conservation Office and forward to Teresa Debenedictis, Acting-Director of DPW.

The Commission voted to convene at approximately 9:55 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Corinna Beckwith
Administrator