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## Conservation Commission Minutes, July 20, 2006

### ARLINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

JULY 20, 2006

Members of the Commission present: ACC Attendees: Nathaniel Stevens, David White, Ellen Reed, Bill, CKathy Garnett (in attendance for Reservoir Planting Plan only), Judy Hodges, Chuck Tirone (Associate Member)

Other Attendees: Christine Deshler; Michelle Durocher; Elsie Fiore; Sandy Caffelle; Michele Oshima; Jon-Eric White; Gary Santini; Thomas Falwell

Meeting was called to order at 7:35PM.

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#### Commission Business

Mr. Stevens submitted handed out copies of the Request for Determination of Applicability WPA Form 1 to all present – for John Sanchez, DPW Director, for the 634 Summer Street project.

Meeting Minutes – July 6 – White/Hodges moved to approve with minor edits; motion passed unanimously. approved with minor edits – David approved; Judy seconded.

#### Mt. Gilboa Walk

Mr. White announced that a walk would take place at 10AM on Saturday, July 22, to evaluate the property boundaries at the site.

#### Boat Ramp Signs

Mr. Tirone informed that he is waiting for the signs from the Department of Conservation and Recreation.

#### Dothan Street – Working Session

Sandy Caffelle, owner of land on Dothan Street, submitted to mapping that showed wetlands were flagged.

Elsie Fiore said area was a swamp many years ago, as well as a dump.

Mr. O'Rourke asked when there are heavy rains, if area floods. Mr. White showed evidence on mapping that no flood plain was involved at area.

Mr. Stevens suggested a Request for Determination or an Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation, ANRAD. He also explained 100-foot buffer zone.

#### Land Stewards Update

Mr. White reported that the new sign was installed at Turkey Hill.

#### Window On The Mystic

Ms. Reed informed that the conservation area does not fall into the area for a grant.

#### Posters/Pamphlets for Town Day

Ms. Reed is making three (3) posters around themes of:

- Land Stewards
- Wetlands
- Invasive Plants

Ms. Reed and Mr. Tirone will try to get more pamphlets and brochures to hand out (possibly – Invasive Plants of New England, N.E. Wildflower Society.)

Enforcement - 339 Mystic Street

Mr. Stevens informed that there is no update on this property as yet – resident is said to be working on planting plan.

Continued Public Hearing on Notice of Intent for 40-42 Brattle Street Project – Continued Hearing (meeting began at 8:15PM)

- Letter from Patricia Worden was provided to members who did not have a copy.
- Received 3 revised plans and letter dated July 10 from BSC who went over Commission's specific questions and concerns.
- Per Jon-Eric White of BSC:
  - Will install haybales along Brattle Court, as discussed, and all catch basins will have siltsacks and haybales.
  - Trees will be planted in central area if we request it - will do.
  - Requested confirmation of plants that are not invasive – Boston Ivy and Vinca.
  - Deep sumpsbs will be inspected and maintained
- Mr. O'Rourke suggested change from 5' to 6' in diameter – pipes for manholes – applicant would obliged.
- BSC – The test bed study is in report.
- BSC – pointed out added inspection ports – 3" in diameter – discussed erosion control plan, went over all
- Ms. Reed said many trucks have compacted soil at site and asked if soil will be turned. The applicants responded that construction activities will resolve this.
- Ms. Fiore – inquired about sewer line – is it connected to Town sewer – answer "Yes"
- Ms. Fiore – requested copies of two added report sheets from BSC.
- Ms. Fiore – restated concerns about flooding on Brattle Street.
- Mr. O'Rourke – said when river increases in elevation, waters flow backwards.
- Ms. Fiore – said Mill Brook overflows – believes mapping is poor – wants to be sure flood plain is respected – said other residents have attested to flooding at area.
- Mr. O'Rourke – impervious surface – said drainage sufficient for run-off
- BSC – said 20% reduction in run-off
- Mr. O'Rourke reviewed the drainage calculations and found them satisfactory – said existing conditions, over ground flow – with piping will go in or on site – this site, with the development, will improve runoff conditions.
- Michele Oshima – said flash flooding in back yard has been as high as 15" – lives on Laurel Street – sent letter.
- Mr. Stevens went over M. Oshima's and P. Worden's project comment letters.
- John H. – will send Fay, Spofford & Thorndike's peer review study done for the ZBA during the Comprehensive Permit hearings.
- Ms. Reed reviewed Mr. Belkis' comment letter – sand or calcium chloride for snow – suggests including this in order of conditions.
- Ms. Fiore – said that 40B project allows few controls from ACC.
- Mr. O'Rourke – said that 40B project had little impact in decision-making.
- Mr. O'Rourke motioned to close hearing on Brattle Street; Mr. White seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Stevens explained that the Commission will discuss and likely vote on the Brattle Street project on at its August 3 meeting and put to vote.

Reservoir Planting Plan

Mr. White moved to accept planting plan; Mr. O'Rourke seconded – as devised and designed by Kathy Ms. Garnett; motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned – 9:30PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Judy Hodges, Commissioner

