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ARLINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES

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Mr. Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:30pm at 26 Parker St. Present were Nathaniel Stevens, David White, Cathy Garnett, Timothy Sullivan, Christine Wallace, and Judith Hodges of the Commission. Also present was Roger Frymire of Freemont St, Cambridge.

7:30pm MISCELLANEOUS –

Mr. Stevens explained more about a Warrant Article proposal for control of aquatic weeds in Spy Pond and the Arlington Reservoir and asked the Commission to vote in support of this article. After clarifying that the Commission would be supporting, not submitting the article (s),

Sullivan/White motioned to support the Warrant Article; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Frymire reported on his work of the past three years to hand pull water chestnuts in many waterways in Arlington. Some interesting notes: the seed hulls that accumulate on the shoreline of waterways are the empty hulls that do not contain viable seeds, while these are still a nuisance to dogs, people walking on the shores, these seeds are not a source of new plants in the waterbodies. Spy Pond, Alewife Brook are probably free of plants, Alewife could still receive seeds from upstream in Blair or Little Pond. The Reservoir would take many volunteers over a long period of time (probably a group of 20 volunteers, 5-6 days per week for 6 weeks) in order to remove all the plants from the waterway. The mechanical harvesting is the preferred method (faster, less effort) if we can find the money.

The Commission voted to convene at approximately 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Cori Beckwith, Administrator