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Conservation Comm Minutes 05-15-2003

ARLINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
MAY 15, 2003

Mr. Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:30pm at the second floor conference room of the Town Hall Annex. Present were Nathaniel Stevens, David White, Christine Wallace, Catherine Garnett and Judith Hodges of the Commission. Timothy Sullivan was not in attendance due to a work conflict.

7:30pm MISCELLANEOUS –

Hodges/White motioned to approve the 5/1/03 minutes with edits; motion passed unanimously.

The August 21st meeting date will be moved to August 28th to accommodate summer schedules.

The budget of the Conservation Commission was discussed. The 10% cut was taken in our budget and in order to pay the administrator this next fiscal year it may be necessary to either have some weeks of furlough in the summer and/or winter or to reduce office hours in order to balance our budget.

7:45pm REQUEST for EXTENSION to ORDER OF CONDITIONS DEP File No. 91-131 for control of aquatic weeds in UPPER MYSTIC LAKE near PARKER RD.

Dr. Braun described the situation and the history of the previous 6 years of work to control aquatic weeds. The program is being contracted with Gerry Smith of Aquatic Control Technology. Public notice and seasonal reports are sent to the Commission.

Hodges/Wallace motioned to extend the permit for another three years to May 2006; the motion passed unanimously.

8:15pm HILLS POND, MENOTOMY ROCKS PARK – working session for various work items for maintenance

This session was postponed until the June 5 meeting at 7:45pm.

MISCELLANEOUS (cont.) –

Ms. Beckwith asked the Commission if they are interested in reviewing potential litigation from David Stoff in regards to residential flooding. The Commission does have an interest and Ms. Beckwith will contact Mr. Stoff.

Ms. Wallace reported that the EPA has finally issued (May 1) the final Permit for the NPDES program and now municipalities have three months to file it. The members of the Commission who are meeting with the new DPW director on May 19 will ask about this process.

The Commission voted to convene at approximately 8:45pm.
Respectfully submitted,
Cori Beckwith, Administrator