

ARLINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES

OCTOBER 16, 2003

Mr. Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:30pm in 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 absent. Ammar Chamo of 339 Mystic St was present. Heather and Brian Sullivan and John Noonan were present for 43 Dothan St. Kevin O'Brien, Director of Planning presented the Reed's Brook project. Gary Pigg of Aerial St was also present.

7:30pm - COMMISSION BUSINESS

White/Hodges motioned to approve the 8/28, 9/4, 9/18 and 10/2 minutes with minor edits; motion passed unanimously.

Ammar Chamo representing 339 Mystic St reported that planting of two trees was completed as restoration of the cutting that was done next to the Mystic Lake. The Commission scheduled a site walk on 10/20 to confirm compliance.

Ms. Beckwith reported that the irrigation project being undertaken by the Winchester Country Club is about to commence and that she is scheduled to visit the site. The consultant sent in a planting plan for review. The Commission had a few requests in regards to the plan.

8:00pm - 43 DOTHAN ST – NOTICE OF INTENT (DEP File No. 91-167)

Mr. Noonan presented the project to the Commission. The work involves paving of an existing dirt roadway in order to allow access to the house at 43 Dothan St. The existing dirt roadway is seasonally flooded and inaccessible, especially to emergency vehicles. The fire department wrote a letter to this effect, which the Commission has on file.

The 2003 Annual Town Meeting amended the Arlington Wetlands Bylaw to allow a waiver of the bylaw's standards for the filling of floodplain. The Commission determined that this project is eligible for a waiver since the Applicant demonstrated substantial hardship and no above ground structure is being built. The new detention basin at McClellan Field (formerly known as Reeds Brook park) will more than adequately handle the flooding that used to occur in this area. The wetland adjacent to the project will be enhanced with the planting of red maples in order to compensate for wetland impacts.

Garnett/Wallace motioned to accept the project with the condition to have excess sand removed, as possible, to prevent its migration in to the adjacent wetland; motion passed unanimously.

8:15pm REED'S BROOK – EXTENSION OF ORDER OF CONDITIONS (DEP File No. 91-134)

Mr. O'Brien explained that the project is nearly completed but will need to extend the permit for approximately one year until 10/04. The topsoil is currently being brought on site and then the planting will be completed in the spring.

Wallace/Garnett motioned to approve the extension for three years under the Wetlands Protection Act; motion passed unanimously.

White/Hodges motioned to approve the extension for three years under the Arlington Bylaw for Wetlands Protection; motion passed unanimously.

COMMISSION BUSINESS, continued:

White/Garnett motioned to recommend the acceptance of Ellen Reed as a member of the Conservation Commission; motion passed unanimously.

The Commission voted to convene at approximately 9pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cori Beckwith, Administrator