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ARLINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
 MINUTES

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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, Timothy Sullivan, Judith Hodges, David White, and Christine Wallace of the Commission. Mark Demelo of Modern Continental Construction presented the 78 Summer St. project. Mark Shea of the Department of Public Works and David Crispin of the BSC Group presented the work at the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. Dominic Rinaldi and John VanDell of the BSC Group and David and Laura Veo of Freedom Development presented the Brattle St. project.

7:30pm MISCELLANEOUS –

Sullivan/White motioned to approve the minutes of 12/13/01 (with minor edits); motion passed unanimously.

Fiscal – Wallace/White motioned to pay the bill for copying the Great Meadows report; motion passed unanimously.

Sullivan/White motioned to pay the final bill to Frances Clark for producing the Great Meadows report; motion passed unanimously.

The procedures for handling docks and the Conservation Lands regulations will be reviewed more and discussed at the next meeting.

The search for new members continues. The Commission received one person's application for the temporary position. The Commission will forward its recommendation for her appointment to the Town Manager.

7:45pm 78 SUMMER ST. – CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE for Order of Conditions #91-135

Mr. Demelo filed for the Certificate of Compliance for the Cutters Mill townhouse development. Ms. Beckwith conducted a site walk on December 7, 2001 and observed that the construction and landscaping are completed.

Hodges/White motioned to issue the Certificate with continuing conditions for stormwater maintenance; motion passed unanimously.

8:00pm MT. PLEASANT CEMETERY – AMENDMENT to Order of Conditions #91-146

Mr. Crispin and Mr. Shea described the need for a proposed loam storage bin to be constructed of temporary concrete blocks, stockade fencing and a gravel/stone dust base. The proposed bin is located within the Floodplain, Buffer Zone and Riverfront Area to Mill Brook and Meadowbrook Park. The bin would be needed for the next 3-4 years until reconfiguration of the Town yard at Grove Street can be completed.

The proponents asked if this work was allowed under their existing permit. White/Hodges motioned to require an amendment to the existing permit for the proposed changes; motion passed unanimously.

The Commission asked the proponents for more information:

- investigate other sites for this storage bin,
- calculate the volume of impact to the floodplain,
- is it feasible to cover the piles in the bin or to construct a roof over the bin,
- is it feasible to have more sedimentation control at the perimeter of bin
- add a berm at driveway to storage area to prevent overland flow into bin

Hodges/Wallace motioned to continue the hearing until 1/17/02 at 7:45pm to allow for a response to the request for more information; motion passed unanimously.

8:45pm 5,7 BRATTLE COURT – AMENDMENT to Order of Conditions #91-157

The site development has been reconfigured so that the property addresses are now 40 AND 42 BRATTLE ST. The owners presented a proposal to build two 1.5 story industrial and office buildings on the site. The owners would use some of the space themselves. The other tenants may be contractors (landscapers, carpenters, etc.). The landscaping will remain along the perimeter of the site, as well as the infiltration system and water quality inlet. There will be more roof drainage going to the infiltration unit as compared to the older design.

Sullivan/Wallace motioned to amend the existing permit for this parcel #91-157, and that no new Notice of Intent is required; motion passed unanimously.

White/Hodges motioned to approve the new development of the site with a condition to install hooded catch basins with 4 foot sumps; motion passed unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS, CONT.-

Mr. White conducted a site walk on 12/19 with Ms. Barron of Metromedia regarding the repairs to the bikepath from the March flood event. Mr. Santisuasso, Town Engineer also was in attendance. Some pavement repairs had been completed. Ms. Barron will contact her contractor to complete the repair of damage from erosion, most likely completed in the spring. The Commission will contact them in March for a progress report.

The Commission is working on edits to the Regulations. The changes consist of wetland replication specifications.

The Great Meadows Friends group is going to have an open to the public meeting to garner support sometime in February. White/Wallace motioned to submit to Town Warrant amendments to our Bylaw regarding the notification procedures and to adjust the consultant fees with provision for the ANORAD permit; motion passed unanimously.

The Annual report is due January 15. Ms. Hodges will draft this.

The Commission voted to convene at approximately 10:30pm.
Respectfully submitted,
Cori Beckwith, Administrator