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## Conservation Comm Minutes 10-04-2001

ARLINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES

OCTOBER 4, 2001

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, Judith Hodges, Timothy Sullivan, Geraldine Tremblay and Christine Wallace of the Commission. Thomas Cook of Oak Engineer's represented 1165 Massachusetts Ave. John Belskis, Mary Meador, Kathleen Fletcher, Jon Gersh, Jeannette Holden and Bob Aumeuller represented the neighbors of the Poet's Corner land. Other attendees were Elsie Fiore and Dana Fronczak of the Advocate.

### MISCELLANEOUS

The Commission's comment on the Mugar appeal was submitted on 9/26/01.

The Commission discussed details of the enforcement order to be issued to 62 Hutchinson Rd.

Tremblay/Sullivan motioned to accept the 9/20/01 minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

The public meeting on the Great Meadows will be held October 16 at 7pm in the Robbins' Library Community room. Order forms will be given out for the report.

### 7:45 – REPAIR OF DRAINAGE STRUCTURE, GERI'S BROOK AT BIKEPATH – NOTICE OF INTENT

Ms. Beckwith forwarded the request from the Town Engineer to continue the hearing due to possible project modifications. Mr. White had contacted Mr. Santosuosso regarding the drainage from Bow St.

Sullivan/Tremblay motioned to continue the hearing to 10/18/01 at 7:45pm. The motion passed unanimously.

### 8:00 – REPAIR OF STONE WALL BANK TO MILL BROOK at Mirak Chevrolet, 1165 Massachusetts Ave, NOTICE OF INTENT

Mr. Cook explained the proposed work to repair the channel and stone wall that forms the bank of the Mill Brook. The water will be diverted through two 12 inch wide pipes to allow the work to take place in the dry. The work should only take approximately two weeks to complete.

Wallace/Hodges motioned to close the hearing contingent upon receipt of the DEP file number and any comments and to accept the project as proposed with conditions to remove all excavated materials from the site and dispose of properly and to have a rapid response to inclement weather events. The motion passed unanimously.

### 8:45pm – Poet's Corner wetlands, presentation by neighbors – informal meeting

Mr. Gersh, Ms. Meador and others made comments regarding the existence of substantial areas of wetlands, high groundwater tables and historic drainages (Clematis Brook). Mr. Gersh showed photos of the wetland to the Commission. The parking lot had tadpoles in the past. There should be files of this in the 1980's in the Commission's records.

MISCELLANEOUS, CONTINUED

Mr. Stevens presented a prior draft of changes to the Regulations regarding wetland replication which change had been discussed previously but not formally adopted.

Mr. Stevens will draft a letter of support for review of the recently completed update of the Open Space Plan.

Ms. Beckwith forwarded a question from the Sunrise developers at 1395 Massachusetts Ave. They asked if they could use herbicide to control invasives in the vegetated area along the bikepath. The Commission would like this to be formally presented to the board before allowing any herbicide usage. Ms. Tremblay also requested that the landscaping plan of the rest of the property be monitored for the use of native species.

Ms. Beckwith reported on a site walk to the hotel project at 19 Mass Ave. She received a call regarding a broken drainage pipe and subsequent flooding of the adjacent parking lot next to the hotel site. She observed the developers excavating the pipe. Mr. Wise was going to have a temporary pipe placed in the section that was excavated until the hazardous soil removal was completed and then the drainage work for the project would commence.

Ms. Fiore informed the Commission of her intention to file for a PIP, public information process, for the project in order to receive updates on the Remediation Action plan approved by DEP.

The Commission then went into EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss pending litigation. The Commission returned to its regular meeting before adjourning.

The Commission voted to convene at approximately 9:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cori Beckwith, Administrator