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## Conservation Commission Minutes 02/07/2013

Arlington Conservation Commission  
Minutes  
February 7, 2013

Mr. Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. in the second floor conference room of the Town Hall Annex. Present were Nathaniel Stevens, David White, Catherine Garnett, Eileen Coleman, Curt Connors, Chris Naylor, and Michelle Durocher of the Commission. Charles Tirone, of the Commission, was not present. Also present were Bruce Whettle, John Belskis and Steve Shipley.

7:45 pm – Commission Business:

Mr. Stevens reported that he had attended a recent Spy Pond Committee meeting where Teresa Debenedictis, DPW, presented an expense outline of the **Waterbodies** Account. The Commission reviewed Ms. Debenedictis' report. Up to three Commission members plan to attend the Finance Committee hearing to support the warrant article. The state Generic Environmental Impact Report on aquatic plant management produced in 2004 may help provide answers to variability in treatments. Climate change may also be exacerbating the weed growth. Competitive bidding may help. Mr. Stevens reported that Bill Eykamp, Spy Pond Committee, is investigating what is being done in Wayland by Lycott. Mr. Tirone submitted written comments on this issue: obtain 3 bids on work, protect the emergency spillway with mats during dewatering of the water chestnuts, and leave the plants in the Lexington side of the Arlington Reservoir if they don't pay for its removal.

Ms. Durocher reported that there is phragmites growing in the stormwater treatment wetland at **Reeds Brook**, and this should probably be paid attention to earlier rather than later. Ms. Beckwith will visit to check the amount of infestation.

Mr. White reported that Open Space Committee will ask the Town Manager and Town Counsel to have a meeting regarding obtaining easements at the **Arlington Catholic athletic field**. Ms. Garnett reported that the sloped entrance at Water St. was graded to include steps.

Ms. Beckwith asked the Commission to sign up for timeslots for the **Ecofest** on March 23. She will send out a calendar organizer for this event. Charlotte Milan, the Recycling Coordinator, was going to organize invasive plant information with Ms. Garnett.

Mr. Stevens asked if Adam Kurowski, the GIS coordinator, could provide us with a map of the property at the end of **Addison St**. Ms. Beckwith will forward this request.

Ms. Garnett reported that the tree plan at **Symmes** needs to be strengthened and that the rubble slope at the property is an eyesore. She and Clarissa Rowe will meet to work on a revision of the tree plan.

Mr. Belskis asked what the flagging was in the wetland in the **Poets Corner** area. Ms. Beckwith suspects that this is from the Recreation Department's drafting of a Master Plan for the park.

Ms. Beckwith reported on the information from the former owners of **25 Gould Rd** in regards to a direct discharge to Spy Pond. The question was in regard to when the drain was installed. The recollection of the homeowners was not clear. Ms. Beckwith will ask that they contact their contractor for a more definitive answer.

Meeting adjourned at 9pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Corinna Beckwith  
Commission Administrator