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Conservation Commission Minutes 04/04/2013

Arlington Conservation Commission
Minutes
April 4, 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, Charles Tirone, Catherine Garnett, Eileen Coleman, Curt Connors, Chris Naylor, David White and Michelle Durocher of the Commission. Also present was Bruce Whelittle, Virginia Hutchinson, Megan Burns, Fred Heger and Wayne Chouinard, P.E..

7:45 pm – Commission Business:

Coleman/Naylor motioned to approve the 3/7 **minutes** with edits; motion passed unanimously.

White/Tirone motioned to approve the 3/21 **minutes** with edits; motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Beckwith drafted a letter of approval for the 3/29/2013 written request to conduct soils investigations at Lot A **Coolidge Rd**, with conditions. After discussion, the Commission added that the work should not be allowed further than 30 feet from the edge of pavement of Coolidge Rd, only a single test pit shall be allowed, and that no trees or other vegetation shall be removed for this work. Ms. Beckwith will redraft the letter for review by the Commission.

8pm – **Discussion**: MS4 Stormwater permit

Mr. Chouinard, the Town Engineer, distributed the draft US EPA NPDES MS4 permit language that is under control of the Conservation Commission for update. This is due to EPA by May 1st, but he would appreciate edits back to him by mid April. He also notified the Commission of his upcoming Stormwater educational programs, starting April 9th, at 7pm in the Selectman's Hearing Room, Town Hall, with a presentation on permeable pavers.

Commission Business (cont.)

Mr. Stevens presented an overview of the drafted revisions to the state WPA **regulations**. Some members of the Commission didn't receive this information for review and would like to have input, so Ms. Beckwith or Mr. Stevens will forward them the information.

The Commission discussed the request by National Grid to replace gas lines under **Mystic St over Mill Brook**. The Commission needed more information in order to review whether the work could be considered for exemption under the WPA regulations. Ms. Beckwith will ask the consultant for the additional information.

Ms. Garnett expressed dismay over recent events at the **Arlington Catholic playing field** project. She observed three large trees cut down and a cleared area. There are multiple outstanding issues with the conditions of this permit and the Commission will draft a letter to request the additional information and review the landscape plans on file for possible enforcement action regarding the trees.

Mr. Whelittle submitted a letter in regards to the potential development of the lot on **Coolidge Rd**. He intends to record the future meetings on this topic in order to have a record of the testimonies. Mr. Stevens informed Mr. Whelittle that he would have to disclose the recording to the public at the meetings.

Ms. Beckwith reported that the last bit of information was received regarding a drain at **25 Gould Rd** and their request for a Certificate of Compliance for permit number 91-124, issued in 1996. The drain has a sump that will prevent some of the runoff from a long driveway to be treated prior to draining to Spy Pond. Ms. Beckwith can now recommend that the Commission issue the Certificate. Connors/White motioned to issue the Certificate; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Stevens reported on his discussion with the owner of **30 Spy Pond Parkway** and the request to provide a written description of the proposal to remove the willow tree from Spy Pond. Mr. Stevens will draft a letter confirming their discussion and what information will be required.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Corinna Beckwith
Commission Administrator