

Arlington Conservation Commission
Minutes
January 8, 2015

Mr. Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the second floor conference room of the Town Hall Annex. Present were Nathaniel Stevens, Charles Tirone, Curt Connors, Associate Michelle Durocher, David White, Associate Catherine Garnett, Susan Chapnick, Associate Mike Nonni, and Janine White of the Commission. Eileen Coleman of the Commission was not present. Also present were Bruce Whelple and Robert Fredieu.

7:30pm – Commission Business:

Connors/DWhite motioned to approve the 8/21/14 **minutes** with edits; motion passed unanimously.

The Commission reviewed the **2014 Annual Report** and had a few additions.

The working group for the **Symmes/Summer St** conservation land discussed the ARB meeting on Jan. 5 and issues brought up there: what to do with a fine settlement, how an estoppel certificate was going to be handled, a surety bond, landscape details, the management plan revision, the boundary markers (placement, permanent fixing, inspection).

Mr. Tirone strongly suggested that the Commission send a representative to the **Arlington Land Trust**.

Ms. Beckwith reported to the Commission a letter received by the management company of **22 Mill St** in regards to the large sycamore on their property. They suggest they wish to remove the tree, maintaining in the letter that the tree is hazardous. The Commission will require a permit application to include a report on the health of the tree from a certified arborist. Mr. Tirone asked that Tree Warden, Jim Dodge, take a look at the tree.

Ms. Beckwith reported on the repair of a storm drain outlet to the Mystic River, **Mystic 35** and wetland restoration proposed along the river for the Mystic River Oil Spill NRD grant application, to be submitted by the Town. She will forward her draft materials to the Commission. Ms. Garnett will send the package to DCR and ask representatives to communicate directly with Ms. Beckwith in an effort to obtain a letter of support from DCR for the Town's proposal. Ms Beckwith will follow up with a meeting of interested Commission members and others (including the Mystic River Watershed Association) about the Town's proposal, after the NRD bidders meeting. The grant application is due to DEP on February 27, 2015.

Following discussion by the Commission on the latest internal version of the Wetland Bylaw Fees, which includes revision of fee categories, Chapnick/Connors motioned to approve amended **filing fees**; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Stevens brought up that any **policy** discussions, email communications of Workgroup members (Symmes Workgroup and Waterbodies Workgroup) need to be copied to Ms. Beckwith to then be distributed to and voted on by the full Commission. Administrative or implementation email communications within the Workgroups do not need to come before the full Commission.

Meeting adjourned at 9:42pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Corinna Beckwith
Commission Administrator