

Arlington Conservation Commission  
Minutes  
October 1, 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, David White, Janine White, Mike Nonni, Susan Chapnick, Charles Tirone, and Associate Member Catherine Garnett. Curt Connors and Associate Member Eileen Coleman were not present. Also present were Brian Butler and Steve Revilak.

7:30pm – Commission Business:

DWhite/JWhite motioned to approve the 9/17 **minutes** with edits; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. White reported that the existing Land Steward Coordinator will coordinate with our new volunteer on stewarding the stewards.

7:45pm **Notice of Intent** – 111 Sunnyside Ave

Mr. Butler presented the project to build an addition to the townhouse near the Alewife Brook Bikeway. The submission requested a variance from the Conservation Commission. The submitted proposal would impact the floodplain with a net loss of 38 cubic feet (cf) of flood storage volume. The homeowner also thought that the large tree on the property might have to come down in the next few years, but would seek the advice of an arborist and then seek permission of the Commission. The Commission apprised the Applicant of its regulations for tree removal and replacement since the entire property is in the 200 ft Riverfront Area of Alewife Brook. Commission also suggested that if they want to remove the tree, this could be included in the same permit as for the addition so that the applicant would not have to come back before the Commission for additional approval.

Mr. Butler suggested that the basement, which is the lowest floor of the new construction, could have flood vents installed. This would reduce impact to the floodplain and result in an increase in flood storage volume and remove the requirement for a variance since this option would likely meet our bylaw of 2:1 ratio for compensatory flood storage. The Commission asked for specifications for the vents and a recalculation of proposed compensatory flood storage volume to confirm a variance is no longer required. Mr. Tirone would like to have a site walk, scheduled for 10/7 at 8am.

Chapnick/DWhite motioned to continue the hearing until Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:15pm; motion passed unanimously.

8pm **Notice of Intent**- 86 Coolidge Rd

Ms. Beckwith reported that the applicant requested a continuance to Oct. 15 at 8:15pm.

Tirone/DWhite motioned to continue the hearing to Oct. 15; motion passed unanimously.

Commission Business (cont.):

Ms. Beckwith reported that the **survey** for Engelmann's Umbrella-Sedge at Spy Pond was completed and found lots of it. The Commission discussed that the Natural Heritage did not approve the same list of herbicides as in the NOI; therefore, Commission expects either an amendment or new NOI would be proposed by the Town for Spy Pond next year to address appropriate use of alternate herbicides to control phragmites.

Ms. Beckwith was contacted to perform a follow up landscape inspection of **343 Mystic Street**. Mr. Nonni will join her for the inspection.

Meeting adjourned at 9pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Corinna Beckwith  
Commission Administrator