

Arlington Conservation Commission
Minutes
October 15, 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 Eileen Coleman. Curt Connors and Associate Member Catherine Garnett were not present. Also present were Joseph Aluia, Bruce Wheltle, John Hickman, Lisa Berezin, Adam Markourt, David Dolan, Greg Ginet, and David Azanow.

7:30pm – Commission Business:

DWhite/SChapnick motioned to approve the 10/1 **minutes** with edits; motion passed unanimously.

DWhite/JWhite motioned to approve the Certificate of Compliance for 133 Thorndike Street as the Applicant said they no longer wished to undertake the project and had not begun work; motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Beckwith reported that her research found that the Commission could buy **supplies** for the clean ups with the last of the Meadowbrook Park fund. She proposed waders, suspenders, gloves and a trash pickup stick. DWhite/JWhite motioned to approve the purchases for less than or equal to the remainder in the fund of \$103; motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Chapnick reported that the **NRD grant** for the Mystic River was reposted this evening and the grant proposals are due on Dec. 11th. She and Ms. Beckwith will meet to work on the grant proposal.

7:45pm **Notice of Intent** – 71 Dothan St

Mr. Aluia presented his project to demolish an existing home and rebuild in the same location, though the house would be larger with one side closer by 6 ft to the bordering vegetated wetland.

The plan is not clear where the existing building is compared to the proposed. The Commission asked for a new plan showing these two outlines of the foundations and the plan indicate the distance between the 25-ft no-disturb zone and the closest corner of the proposed house.

The wetland delineation did not include a calculation of Riverfront Areas for Reeds Brook. The Commission received new information at this meeting and will review it. The new information included argument that Reeds Brook is an intermittent stream. Previously the Commission determined it to be perennial.

Photos by the Applicant show small trees next to the existing building foundation and these are in the Buffer Zone and Riverfront areas so should be considered for mitigation and replanting calculation per the Bylaw's regulations. Some of these could be Norway Maples, and the Commission can confirm at a site walk. The Commission also advised that the Applicant show all planned landscaping.

The developers did get a perc test and test pits. Mr. Tirone asked that the location of these also be shown on the plan.

The Commission scheduled a site walk for Friday October 23, at 8am and asked that the edge of the proposed foundation be staked as well as the trees marked for removal.

Mr White asked that a permanent bound at the 25 foot distance from the wetland be included shown in the proposal plan.

Summary of request for updated plan to include:

- Proposed foundation and new foundation
- 25' no-build zone line
- Location of test pits
- All paved areas (impervious) and deck
- Trees proposed for removal
- Landscape plan

DWhite/SChapnick motioned to continue the hearing to Nov. 5th at 8pm; motion passed unanimously.

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

Mr. Azanow updated the Commission that the test hole for the footing had water seeping into it, so he will not proceed with the request to put in a footing and will not enlarge the deck

The Commission was looking for specifications for the block installation for the driveway and could not locate those. Mr. Azanow will re-send these specifications to Ms. Beckwith.

Mr. Azanow requested that we issue a permit for the driveway. If in the future, if the new owners wish to do work on the deck or anything else, they must either seek to amend the existing permit or apply for new permit.

DWhite/MNonni motioned to close the hearing; motion passed unanimously.

JWhite/SChapnick motioned to approve the driveway installation and not include modifications to the deck (no variance needed and no mitigation required), with a condition to receive the specifications for the Versa Lok blocks for the end of the driveway; motion passed unanimously.

8:15pm **Notice of Intent** - 111 Sunnyside Ave

DWhite/JWhite motioned to continue the hearing at the applicants request until Nov. 5th at 7:45pm; motion passed unanimously.

Commission Business (cont.):

Mr. White reported on the completion of Billy Davey's Eagle Scout project **trail work** at Window on the Mystic.

The Commission received a report of a violation of dumping landscaping debris into a wetland in **McClennan Park**. The Commission will issue an enforcement letter (notice of noncompliance) to a homeowner on Thesda St.

Mr. Tirone reported that the new **Community Preservation Committee** will have its first meeting on October 26.

Meeting adjourned at 9:18pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Corinna Beckwith
Commission Administrator