

Arlington Conservation Commission
Minutes
November 5, 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, Charles Tirone, and Curt Connors. Susan Chapnick, Eileen Coleman and Catherine Garnett were not present. Also present were Joseph Aluia, Bruce Whelittle, Mara Vatz, and Marshall McCloskey.

7:30pm – Commission Business:

DWhite/CConnors motioned to approve the 10/15 **minutes** with edits; motion passed unanimously.

Enforcement E15.3 – 81 Thesda Street – A response from the owner was received by the Commission with photos. Ms. Beckwith will confirm the photos and locations involved in the enforcement order that the landscape debris has been cleaned up.

7:45pm **Notice of Intent** - 111 Sunnyside Ave, addition

The hearing was continued to 11/19 at 8:15 at the request of the applicant. DWhite/Connors motioned to approve; motion passed unanimously.

8pm **Notice of Intent** – 71 Dothan St, house demo and reconstruction

The Commission held a site walk on 10/23/15. The applicant distributed thirteen copies of a modified plan. The shed will be removed but they will keep the swing set. The lawn area will run to the swing set area but not past the fence or into the BVW on the south side of the property. They will replace the fence along the north side of the property with a similar fence to existing.

The Commission asked questions about stormwater on the property. What is the water table depth and seasonal high groundwater? What test pits have been done? What are stormwater units are being proposed?

The Commission asked the applicant for more information about the calculation for the watershed area for the Riverfront designation.

Bruce Whelittle asked if a wetland scientist should evaluate this. The stream showed up on a website called Stream Stats.

The Commission asked the applicant to: 1) provide a map of the watershed; 2) provide a color map of the topo. 3) provide a landscaping plan and information on how the applicant intends to manage the invasives on the property; 4) the date of the topomap submitted, 5) provide information on the water table depth and seasonal high

groundwater in test pits; 6) provide clarification of groundwater infiltration units; 7) provide calculation of the areas to be altered; 8) provide signed and stamped plans (two copies); 9) Provide a plan showing the stockpile area; 10) provide information on the species of trees to be removed.

DWhite/JWhite motioned to continue the hearing at the applicants request until Nov. 19th at 8:45pm; motion passed unanimously.

9 pm **Discussion** – Spy Pond Park shoreline

Marshall McClosky stated that the Friends of Spy Pond park would like to apply for Community Preservation funding to do a stabilization project of the shoreline at Spy Pond Park. Mr. McClosky provided sketch plan ideas and edits to the original landscape design. He state that the Friends Committee went before the Parks Commission to ask for funds for design and construction of this project. The Commission said they could not fund it.

He asked for support from the Conservation Commission and if CPA funding be used for this project. The Commission is supportive of the project in concept but has to consider what other projects are its priority. Mr. White was to circulate a list. This discussion was continued to the Commission's next meeting.

Commission Business (cont.):

Mr. Tirone reported that the new **Community Preservation Committee (CPC)** had its first meeting on October 26. The next meeting of the CPC will be on November 16th and will be a training session. This meeting will be on Cable TV.

Report of **Symmes** working group – Mike Nonni, Janine White and Cathy Garnett along with members of the Arlington Land Trust met with new managers of the Symmes Property on November 3rd. The meeting was very productive and they appear to be enthusiastic about working with the Town.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Corinna Beckwith
Commission Administrator