

Arlington Conservation Commission
Minutes
March 17, 2016

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, Mike Nonni, Charles Tirone, Susan Chapnick, Catherine Garnett, Curt Connors and Janine White. Associate Eileen Coleman was not present. Also present were Bruce and Susan Wheltle, Justine Covault, Virginia Hutchinson, Rich Kirby, Claire Johnson, Aimee Bentley and Ed Trembly.

7:30pm – Commission Business:

Ms. Garnett reported on the **Spy Pond shoreline project** presentation to the Community Preservation Committee on 3/16/16. The study would cost \$47K, while the construction phase is estimated to range from \$25K to \$250K. Mr. Tirone reported that the presentation should be clearer, no jargon, for the Town Meeting presentation.

The Commission briefly discussed skills needed for grant-writing for future proposals.

Connors/Nonni motioned to approve the 3/3 **minutes** with edits; motion passed unanimously.

8pm **Notice of Intent** – 84 Wright St addition

Mr. Kirby presented the project to construct an addition to the existing single family home. The wetland line is approximately 30 feet to the other side of the fence on abutting property which he did not have permission to enter so he could not verify the line with usual delineation procedures; his opinion is based on vegetation. The yard of this property is all upland. The two mature large trees and some fruit trees are proposed to remain. Some existing shrubs, rhododendrons, would be moved and reused on the property.

Ms. White asked about the drainage calculations, the time of concentration. The engineer answered that since the site was so small, the tc was an estimate. Ms. White also asked about the soil classification used in the stormwater calculations. The Applicant agreed to provide revised stormwater calculations.

Mr. Kirby estimates that the proposed corner of the house would be approximately 52 feet from the wetlands. The existing house is approximately 67 feet from the wetland, so the proposed is 15 feet closer.

The Commission asked Ms. Beckwith to conduct a site walk a take some more photos of the fence line, yard landscaping, and look over the fenceline to confirm no wetland vegetation present.

The Commission asked if there was any review completed by the Engineering Dept. The applicants had not yet received any feedback.

The Commission said that we needed input from the Engineering Dept. on the proposed stormwater infiltration system.

Chapnick/Connors motioned to continue the hearing to 4/7 at 8pm; motion passed unanimously.

Commission Business (cont.):

Coolidge Rd site visit:

The Commission received notice from an abutter that backhoe was being used at Lot A Coolidge Rd and a stop work order was given. Then the Commission received a written request for permission to access **Lot A Coolidge Rd**, adjacent to #86, with a small excavator in order to dig a soil test pit in the center of the lot. Ms. Beckwith, Mr. Nonni, and Mr. White performed a site visit. They recommended moving the test pit closer to the street in a less steep area of the lot. The neighbors were present at the meeting to provide input as they were concerned about habitat damage in this area, which they said was within 100 ft of the wetland. The Commission could place conditions on this work, require owner to install erosion controls, and limit work to going no further back than rear corner of #86. The Commission had more questions that Ms. Beckwith could not answer; therefore, she will ask the contractor to attend the next meeting.

Ms. Beckwith reported on work at **110 Thesda**, adjacent to Reeds Brook. She was directed to draft a Notice of Noncompliance.

Mr. White reported that the warrant article regarding **Mt. Gilboa** was going before the Board of Selectmen on Monday 3/21.

Mr. Tirone asked if the Commission had sent a letter of noncompliance to **104 Spy Pond Parkway**, where trees were cut down last year. The Commission did not. Mr. Tirone will follow up with pictures for the Commission to evaluate.

Meeting adjourned at 10pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Corinna Beckwith
Commission Administrator