

Arlington Conservation Commission
Minutes
April 7, 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, Catherine Garnett, Curt Connors and Janine White. Member Susan Chapnick, Associate Eileen Coleman, and Administrator Cori Beckwith were not present. Also present were Susan Whelittle, Bruce Whelittle, Carl K. Toumayan, Al Gala, Jonathan Nyberg, Ian Bernardin, Michael Bows, Robert Griffin, Claire Johnson, Aimee Bentley, Fred Bernardin, Andrew Jolin, Virginia Hutchinson, Justine Covault, Alan Simao, Fred Heger, Peter Musial, Monika Musial-Siwiek, and Greg Dumas.

7:30pm – Commission Business:

Mr. White/Mr. Connors motioned to approve the 3/17/16 **minutes** with edits; motion passed unanimously.

Proposed **Tree Bylaw** – Proponent Susan Stamps decided not to come to discuss the warrant article as it was being revised.

Commission decided to cancel **Meadowbrook Park** cleanup scheduled for April 9.

84 Wright Street – Notice of Intent – continued hearing: Ms. Johnson and Mr. Robert Griffen presented information requested by Commission. Mr. White / Mr. Tirone motioned to close hearing; motion passed unanimously. Mr. White / Mr. Connors moved to issue permit with condition that Wayne Chouinard/Town Engineer be present when applicant digs for the infiltration basins, other items in Town Engineer's memo, and revised plan.

110 Thesda Street – Enforcement - Attorney Carl K. Toumayan appeared for the builder Somia, LLC and Andrew Jolin, current owner, appeared as well. Mr. Jolin wishes to have dead tree removed; Mr. Nonni confirmed tree looked dead based on photo in file. Mr. Jolin will be in touch with Conservation Administrator to finish up the administrative approval to remove the tree and show on a plan (on existing survey plan is OK) where a replacement tree and maybe additional vegetation will go. .

As for the work done, Mr. Toumayan began by saying client acknowledges he made mistake, and it's not the current owner's fault. He provided before (off Google street view) photos and the after photos are in the file. Mr. Toumayan says a tree came down, driveway torn up and moved closer to stair case, and likely much not increase in impervious surface. They desired not to disturb present owner as much as possible. After discussion about procedure, Commission decided that builder is to file an after-the-fact NOI. Mr. Toumayan will check with the engineer who worked on this to get calculations for pre- and post- impervious surface areas, how far the driveway was moved (and show on plan). Commission decided no need for a wetland delineation,

engineer can show on survey plan. NOI plan to show compensatory plantings (trees and/or shrubs). Mr. Jolin noted some new plantings had been done, so Commission advised attorney to give themselves credit for those. Commission also asked about infiltration of stormwater runoff - whether had been done and whether any opportunity for it.

Lot A Coolidge Road – Enforcement - Al Gala, Alan Simao, and Jonathan Nyberg (owner) appeared. Gala presented a revised plan, and he provided a soil log and photo attached. Mini excavator will be used; pathway marked; 4' x 4' pit. Purpose of 2d test pit: confirm soils, look for ledge, opportunities for infiltration if decide to build. Bruce Whelple made presentation and submittal, based on incorrect version of regulations that were posted on the Town's website. After discussion, Commission voted to issue an administrative approval with following conditions:

1. spread straw over soil pit once it's closed up, to prevent erosion of raw soils;
2. provide 72 hour notification prior to work being done;
3. no work when raining;
4. provide copy of test pit results plus a photo like they did for first test pit already done; and
5. work to be done before June 30, 2016.

Mr. White / Ms. White motioned to approve, motion passed unanimously (Administrative approval).

104 Spy Pond Parkway – Enforcement - no one appeared. Google earth photos indicate healthy, not diseased trees. Commission decided to send letter to property owner asking for proof that the two trees removed were diseased and to send a planting plan for replacement trees as required by wetland regulations.

Brattle Street Gas Line – Request for Determination of Applicability – Michael Bows appeared and presented project for the applicant. Commission voted to approve to issue Determination that while work will occur within resource areas, no Notice of Intent needs to be filed with the following conditions: sweep street at end of each work day, 72 hour notification before work begins, pave on same day the area that was dug up. Mr. Connors / Ms. White motioned to approve, motioned passed unanimously.

Eagle Scout project at Mt. Gilboa - Ian Bernardin - Commission voted to approve the work and delegate Mr. White to work with Ian to finalize details. Commission emphasized the need to follow design done at Window on Mystic, though width can vary; to show stair locations on plan; and needs to post notice of work before it begins. Mr. Connors / Ms. White motioned to approve, motion passed unanimously.

Hills Pond – Notice of Intent for wetland maintenance - no one appeared for applicant, so Commission voted to continue hearing to April 28 at 8:00 p.m. Mr. Tirone looked up DEP comments which the applicant needs to address. Ms. White / Mr. White motioned to continue hearing, motion passed unanimously.

15 Princeton Road – Enforcement – The contractor measured 100' from edge of Spy Pond and it just grazes the corner of house not being worked on. They presented a photo of the work and copy of plan presented. The Commission decided that no further action needed and they will have Conservation Administrator issue letter clearing this enforcement.

Spy Pond project – Ms. Garnett will revise narrative and give to Mr. Tirone so the Community Preservation Committee can distribute it. She will cover first day of Town Meeting; Mr. Tirone and Mr. Nonni will cover the second day (4/27). On 4/28, Commission will discuss scheduling of other days. Mr. Tirone will see whether Eve's e-mail address can be used to field questions.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nathaniel Stevens