

Arlington Conservation Commission
Minutes
April 28, 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, Mike Nonni, Charles Tirone, Susan Chapnick, Catherine Garnett, Curt Connors and Janine White. Member David White and Associate Eileen Coleman and Administrator Cori Beckwith were not present. Also present were Edward Herman, John Wenthe, Susan Stamps, and Bruce Whelittle.

7:30pm – Commission Business:

Mr. Connors / Ms. White motioned to approve the 4/7/16 **minutes** with edits; motion passed unanimously.

Spy Pond Park Shoreline project – Mr. Tirone explained that all CPC projects will have 2 ½ minutes at Town Meeting; therefore, no need for Commission members to cover all Town Meeting days. Ms. Garnett will attend when project comes up for discussion. Mr. Connors will also be present since he is a Town Meeting Member.

Symmes CR – Stewards Meeting on 5/5/16, set up by Arlington Land Trust (ALT) conflicts with Conservation Commission meeting; Ms. Garnett will attend Symmes Stewards meeting. Mr. Stevens will contact ALT and ask them to coordinate meetings of this type in consideration of the Conservation Commission meetings in the future to avoid meeting conflicts; he will also provide a copy of the current Land Stewards guidebook.

Hills Pond – Notice of Intent for wetland maintenance – requested continuance. Mr. Tirone / Ms. White motioned to approve continuance to 5/5/16 at 7:45pm; motion passed unanimously.

1167R Massachusetts Ave – Notice of Intent for solar array (Sunbug) over parking lot – requested continuance. Ms. White will email the Commission with comments on the NOI. Ms. Chapnick / Ms. White motioned to approve the continuance to 5/5/16 at 8:00pm; motion passed unanimously.

Discussion – DEP File No. 91-185 aquatic weed control at **Upper Mystic Lakes**, Parker Rd residences, request to grant extension of permit – requested continuance. Mr. Connors / Mr. Nonni motioned to approve the continuance to 5/5/16 at 8:15pm; motion passed unanimously.

104 Spy Pond Parkway – Enforcement – Mr. Herman discussed replacement of two trees removed that were diseased. He discussed where replacement trees (red maple) and shrubs or other trees (from native list) would be planted on his property. Mr. Herman will follow up with a more detailed planting plan showing name of trees / shrubs to be planted and where.

Tree Bylaw – Proponent Susan Stamps presented the proposed Tree Bylaw warrant article and answered questions from the Commission on its intent and potential implementation. Nonni/Tirone motioned to endorse the Tree Bylaw as proposed; motion passed unanimously.

Fallen Tree in Spy Pond – Mr. Tirone reported that a tree at the end of Spring Valley Road, on the west side of Spy Pond, had fallen into Spy Pond and the DPW was asking the Commission how it should be handled. The Commission decided that the root ball should be cut 3 – 4 feet up the trunk, remove the tree from the pond, and try to place the root system back on the bank to stabilize the bank. Mr. Tirone will inform DPW Director Mike Rademacher.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Chapnick