

Arlington Conservation Commission
Minutes
June 2, 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 member Eileen Coleman was not present. Also present were Joe Papagni, Paul Merjanian, William Miller, Matt Salem, Ellen Reed, Ed Trembly, Ella and Lisa Emsbo-Mattingly, and Bruce Whelple.

7:30pm – Commission Business:

Connors/DWhite motioned to approve the 5/5/16 **minutes** with edits; motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Beckwith presented a written list of changes to the project at **4 Mystic Bank**. The Commission asked that the contractor submit a revised plan sheet for the file.

Ms. Beckwith presented a landscape plan for **104 Spy Pond Parkway** prepared by the homeowner as previously directed by the Commission. The Commission approved the plan and to close out of this enforcement matter; motion passed unanimously.

7:40pm – **Notice of Intent** -1167 Massachusetts Ave, solar array over parking lot

The representative informed the Commission that its application is formally withdrawn.

8pm – **Notice of Intent** – Hills Pond wetland restoration

Mr. Salem and Ms. Reed presented the revised NOI and the drawing for the aeration system compiled by the Engineering Dept.

The Commission discussed items still outstanding:

- 1) An operation and maintenance plan, to include the vortechincs unit.
- 2) The name and specification of the wetland seed mix
- 3) Plan for control of invasive plants (Ms. Reed to look in old permit for example)

Chapnick/DWhite motioned, with the applicant's consent, to continue the hearing to 6/16 at 7:45pm.

Commission Business, cont.

Ms. Emsbo-Mattingly presented the project to measure the **bathymetry** of local waterbodies with a small remotely-operated sonar device that goes along the water surface. This data will help to calculate volumes, help direct flood control management, drawdown, control invasive plants, possibly detect vegetation, fish and other aquatic

organisms. The project will start this summer, taking a day or two per waterbody, starting at the Arlington Reservoir.

The Commission asked to be notified when the project starts.

Ms. Beckwith presented the Request for Certificate of Compliance for **12 Clyde Terrace**, a permit from 1980. She recommended issuance of complete Certificate of Compliance, as the work appears to have been constructed according to plan and is not impacting the adjacent wetland at present. DWhite/Connors motioned to issue a full Certificate of Compliance; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Miller appeared in response to the Commission's May 17, 2016 Notice of Noncompliance letter and explained the fuel tank removal work at **19 Park Ave**. The soils surrounding the tank were clean and dry, so no 21E reported was required. The project should be completed by next Wednesday. Sedimentation controls were in place. All soils will be backfilled into the holes. Mr. Miller had a copy of the Fire Department permit. Mr. Connors asked for a copy of this document to be sent to the Conservation Agent. DWhite/JWhite motioned that this work is adequately regulated and doesn't require any further review by the Conservation Commission; motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Garnett and Mr. Tirone updated the Commission on the status of the Community Preservation project at **Spy Pond to control erosion**. The contractor will start after the start of the next fiscal year, after 7/1, and a contract is drafted and signed. Mr. Tirone will find out who in Town Hall will prepare the contract.

Mr. Tirone updated the Commission on the Waterbodies project at **McClennan Park detention pond**. Ms. Chapnick and he will work with the contractors to draw up the contract and start after 7/1, to assess the water quality and compose actions to address these.

Mr. White reported that a project to monitor for invasive insects was withdrawn from **Arlington's Great Meadows in Lexington**.

Ms. Garnett reported on a site walk to **Symmes**. Some hazardous trees were marked. Goats are coming to the property and will graze in an effort to eradicate undesirable plant species.

Mr. White reported on a small ground fire at **Mt. Gilboa** likely from a dropped cigarette. This was very quickly reported and put out by the Arlington Fire Department. The neighbors have a concern over the occurrence of fire pits on adjacent private properties, when there is such a large amount of combustible matter on the Conservation land. Mr. White will engage in some community outreach to inform people about the danger of fires in this area.

Mr. White also reported on a scout project to install steps on a steep section of footpath through the **Mt. Gilboa** property. Some neighbors objected to the original location of

some steps, so they were put elsewhere. A site visit with the neighbors and the Commission would be helpful to work out plans for further improvements.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Corinna Beckwith