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ARLINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

List of possible updates to the Arlington Regulations for Wetlands Protection

As discussed during the 11/21/2019 Arlington Conservation Commission meeting

Alternatives analysis [Pam]: buffer zones, AURA

Plan requirements [Nathaniel]: standardize colors for resource areas (e.g. Plympton), detailed topo (BLSF)

Stormwater calculations: consider updating to the NOAA Atlas 14 numbers from 2015 to replace the Cornell Method numbers from 2008

Tree / vegetation replacement: consider 2:1 replacement minimum and require minimum 3" DBH for survival. Current tree replacement table allows for 1:1. However, there are certain situations when there cannot be a 2:1 replacement. Consider alternatives for difficult situations.

General permit [Chuck, Nathaniel]: Reading example, minor projects WPA list, notice sent to commission, right to request attendance at meeting

Administrative Review projects [Chuck, Nathaniel]: consider projects that would not require even a general permit – such as projects that will improve the resource area (e.g., remove impervious surface or reduce flood storage encroachments) or have no impact (e.g., replace roof on an existing structure within the resource area / buffer) – have them reviewed by Conservation Administrator only to ensure they have documentation of the project and any required calculations (flood storage / stormwater, as applicable) and to allow the Administrator to give guidance on erosion control. Vegetation removal. Falmouth list.

Cooling off period: [bylaw change] can't resubmit for application if denied for certain period of time

Climate change adaptation section: MACC buffer zone guidance

Section 2.B.1&2 [Chuck]: clarify jurisdiction

Floodplain [Nathaniel, Chuck]: clarify compensatory flood storage