MINUTES OF March 28, 2019
Approved April 11, 2019

Members Present: Chair L. Cohen, Vice-Chair W. Boivin, E. LoTurco, I. Deb

Members Absent: J. O’Riorden, G. Lima

Also Present: Conservation Administrator J. Keeley, Assistant Conservation Administrator E. Coleman

1. Call to Order
L. Cohen called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. Citizens’ Time
No one spoke.

3. Approval of Minutes – March 14, 2019

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 14, 2019 CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING WAS MADE BY I. DEB. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY W. BOIVIN AND APPROVED (4-0-0).

4. Presentation by The Trustees regarding a Conservation Restriction at Mary Cummings Park
David Santomenna, Director of Land Conservation for the Trustees of Reservations, presented the Conservation Restriction at Mary Cummings Park to the Conservation Commission.

Mr. Santomenna explained the Trustees met the fund raising quota, and now two elements must be satisfied – long-term management agreement and perpetual conservation restriction. He requested the Conservation Commission recommend to the Board of Selectmen that they sign the Conservation Restriction, and that the Conservation Commission sign the municipal certification statement.

J. Keeley noted this Conservation Restriction is different because the commission will not be holding the restriction, but rather the City of Boston/trust owns the land and so the Trustees will
hold it. Staff recommended endorsing the CR.

Conservation Commission commented:
- Silent on hunting in the CR – it is deferred to the City/Trustees to issue hunting permits; Mr. Santomenna does not expect to issue hunting permits for this park
- Items to be addressed at the park are proper parking/gateway to the park, adding community garden, and trail work
- Park Superintendent will manage the site

David Webb, Friends of Mary Cummings Park member, clarified the areas and size included in the CR. He noted the numerous easements in the park.

J. Keeley requested a copy of the baseline documentation report when it becomes available.

A MOTION TO ENDORSE FAVORABLY TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN THE CONSERVATION RESTRICTION AT MARY CUMMINGS PARK AND THAT THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION WILL SIGN THE MUNICIPAL CERTIFICATION WAS MADE BY E. LOTURCO. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY W. BOIVIN AND APPROVED (4-0-0).

5a. Request for Determination of Applicability – 114 Winn Street – Burlington DPW – Reclaim parking lot at MSMS
Senior Engineer Stephen Hildreth of the Town of Burlington represented the application.

Mr. Hildreth explained this is a full depth reconstruction of the lower parking lot. The sidewalks will be reduced to 4 ½ feet wide, which will reduce impervious area. Two catch basins will be replaced, and erosion controls will go in.

J. Keeley commented about the existing drainage and noted the grading would be redone to direct the water to the corner system. Catch basins will be up to code. And the catch basin in the field will be raised and surrounded by stone.

Conservation Commission requested:
- Sidewalk be replaced with cement and granite curbing
- Remove the trash and debris in the woods beyond the erosions controls

No one in the audience spoke on this matter.

J. Keeley reviewed the findings and conditions.

A MOTION TO ISSUE A CONDITIONAL NEGATIVE DETERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY FOR THE PROPOSED WORK AT 114 WINN STREET WAS MADE BY W. BOIVIN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY E. LOTURCO AND APPROVED (4-0-0).


No testimony was taken on this matter.
This matter was continued to the April 11, 2019 Conservation Commission meeting.

Homeowners Mr. and Mrs. Patel represented this application.

J. Keeley noted the project has been done for a while. In the conditions, the area between the fence and wetlands needs to be under either a conservation restriction or deed restriction. This has not been done.

Conservation Commission instructed the applicant to return when that condition has been met.

No one in the audience spoke on this matter.

This matter was continued to the April 11, 2019 Conservation Commission meeting.

6b. Request for Certificate of Compliance – 5 Susan Avenue – Blake Development LLC – DEP #122-601
Owner Joe Blake of Blake Development, LLC represented this application.

J. Keeley explained this order needs to be closed and made invalid, in order to open up the next matter.

No one in the audience spoke on this matter.

A MOTION TO ISSUE THE CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE FOR PROJECT AT 5 SUSAN AVENUE, DEP #122-601, WAS MADE BY E. LOTURCO. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY W. BOIVIN AND APPROVED (4-0-0)

Owner Joe Blake of Blake Development, LLC represented this application.

Mr. Blake explained rather than put an addition on the existing structure, the new request is to remove the existing dwelling and build a new structure outside the buffer area. Dresser William and Way did the landscaping plan, which includes about 100 plants.

E. Coleman commented the distance to the bank and the structure currently is 29 feet, and the proposed is about 23 feet. She requested the drainage calculations to ensure it will work.

Conservation Commission requested:
• Alternatives analysis should explore reducing the footprint
• Clarify impervious area before and after
• Amount of disturbance and improvements to the river front area
• Extend the stone trench up the driveway
Copy of the test pit report

No one in the audience spoke on this matter.

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Attorney Thomas Murphy of Shea, Murphy & Gulde and developer Gary Litchfield of Litchfield Company, Inc. represented the application.

Mr. Murphy explained the request to remove the existing home and build a new one. There are no wetlands on this property, but there are some on the neighboring properties, which places a portion of this site within the buffer.

J. Keeley commented the wetlands are not flagged. The wetlands are at the rear of the property, and staff needs to review those soils. There is a lot of standing water, and staff needs to determine where that buffer line is. Also, the Norway Maples behind the shed are not desirable species, the commission needs to determine whether to keep these trees because they are within the 20-foot buffer, or remove them and re-vegetate.

Mr. Litchfield explained he would use boulders as the demarcation line, and a wild flower mix behind it. He noted the shed would be removed, and as many trees as possible would be saved.

Conservation Commission requested:
- Revising the plan to show the grading

No one in the audience spoke on this matter.

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10. Administration
   a. Planning Board comments: None
   b. Subcommittee & Staff Reports:

Community Preservation Act

L. Cohen noted the CPA was presented to the Board of Health on Tuesday. I. Deb suggested
presenting to the Indian Americans for Burlington. L. Cohen noted the next step is to form a citizens group to promote the CPA.

c. Upcoming meetings: April 11, 2019 & April 25, 2019
d. Other Business:

Conservation Commission Vacancy

John Ramsdell filled out an application, and the Conservation Commission voted to make the recommendation for his appointment.

A MOTION TO RECOMMEND FAVORABLY TO THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR PAUL SAGARINIO AND BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO APPOINT JOHN RAMSDELL TO THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION WAS MADE W. BOIVIN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY E. LOTURCO AND APPROVED (4-0-0).

Rain Barrels

E. Coleman stated the Burlington Conservation would be offering rain barrels for $69 from the Great American Rain Barrel Company. The orders must be placed by May 12.

A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MARCH 28, 2019 CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING WAS MADE BY I. DEB AT 8:24 PM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY W. BOIVIN AND APPROVED (4-0-0).

Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Noelle Judd, Recording Clerk