Members Present: Chair L. Cohen, Vice-Chair W. Boivin, J. O’Riorden, E. LoTurco, G. Lima, I. Deb

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 28, 2019

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 28, 2019 CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING WAS MADE BY W. BOIVIN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY E. LOTURCO AND APPROVED (4-0-2; G. LIMA AND J. O’RIORDEN ABSTAINED).

J. O’Riorden stated for the record that she watched the previous meeting on BCAT and is eligible to vote on these matters.

4a. Request for Determination of Applicability – 3 Arnold Terrace (continued) – Qicheng Yu – Cut 5 pine trees
Homeowner Qicheng Yu represented the application.

Mr. Yu spoke with Marquis Tree Service regarding the trees he would like to remove, and although the person he spoke with is not an arborist, he is very knowledgeable. The representative said trimming 6 feet from the top would likely kill the trees. The liability of cabling the trees together is too great for the Marquis Tree Service to consider. Mr. Yu requested removing the trees, leaving a 10-foot snag, and replacing them.

J. Keeley noted it is very wet in this area. He agreed to assist Mr. Yu with the location of the
replacement trees. J. Keeley supported leaving snags.

Conservation Commission requested:

- Replacing the trees with trees that absorb a lot of water at a 2:1 ratio

No one in the audience spoke on this matter.

E. Coleman reviewed the findings and conditions.

A MOTION TO ISSUE A CONDITIONAL NEGATIVE DETERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY FOR THE PROPOSED WORK AT 3 ARNOLD TERRACE WAS MADE BY G. LIMA. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY W. BOIVIN AND APPROVED (6-0-0).


Landscape Architect Rebecca Bachand of RBLA Design LLC represented this application.

Ms. Bachand explained that the landscaping is not finished yet. The Commission also noted that there is yard waste, a trampoline, and fence pieces behind the fence near the wetlands. J. Keeley suggested approving the release of the surety but with staff holding it until the unfinished items are completed.

No one in the audience spoke on this matter.

A MOTION TO ISSUE THE CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE FOR PROJECT AT 28 ALMA ROAD, DEP #122-606, WAS MADE BY E. LOTURCO. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY W. BOIVIN AND APPROVED (6-0-0).

A MOTION TO RELEASE THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE PERFORMANCE BOND, $5,000, FOR THE PROJECT AT 28 ALMA ROAD, DEP #122-606, SUBJECT TO A STAFF SITE INSPECTION AND APPROVAL WAS MADE BY W. BOIVIN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY J. O’RIORDEN AND APPROVED (6-0-0).


No testimony was taken on this matter.

This matter was continued to the April 25, 2019 Conservation Commission meeting.


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

Mr. Murphy explained the changes to the plan, including moving the erosion controls, and
adding the boulder location to the plans.

J. Keeley noted he put flags out on the site. He requested the trees not be cut within the no-disturb area, even though they are non-native plants.

No one in the audience spoke on this matter.

J. Keeley reviewed the findings and conditions.

A MOTION TO ISSUE A WAIVER FOR THE DECK WITHIN THE 40-FOOT NO-BUILD ZONE IN EXCHANGE FOR REMOVING THE SHED FROM THE NO-BUILD ZONE WAS MADE BY W. BOIVIN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY E. LOTURCO AND APPROVED (5-0-1; G. LIMA ABSTAINED).

*This public matter was closed.*

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FINDINGS FOR THE PROJECT AT 1 ELIZABETH AVENUE, DEP #122-624, WAS MADE BY J. O’RIORDEN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY W. BOIVIN AND APPROVED (5-0-1; G. LIMA ABSTAINED)

A MOTION TO ISSUE THE ORDER OF CONDITIONS FOR THE PROJECT AT 1 ELIZABETH AVENUE, DEP #122-624, WAS MADE BY W. BOIVIN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY J. O’RIORDEN AND APPROVED (5-0-1; G. LIMA ABSTAINED)

A MOTION TO REQUIRE A $3,500 PERFORMANCE BOND FOR THE PROJECT AT 1 ELIZABETH AVENUE, DEP #122-624, WAS MADE BY I. DEB. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY W. BOIVIN AND APPROVED (5-0-1; G. LIMA ABSTAINED)


No testimony was taken on this matter.

*This matter was continued to the April 25, 2019 Conservation Commission meeting.*

10. Administration

a. Planning Board comments: None

b. Subcommittee & Staff Reports:

New Conservation Commission Member John Ramsdell was appointed by the BOS and will attend the next meeting.

Community Preservation Act: L. Cohen noted the CPA has been presented to all the major town boards. It is time to turn the campaign over to a citizens’ group for a vote yes committee. Anyone interested in participating should contact him. The CPA question is expected to be on the 2020 ballot.

c. Upcoming meetings: April 25, 2019 & May 9, 2019

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

A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE APRIL 11, 2019 CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING WAS MADE BY J. O’RIORDEN AT 7:50 PM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY I. DEB AND APPROVED (6-0-0).

Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Noelle Judd, Recording Clerk