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TOWN OF BURLINGTON
Conservation Commission

MINUTES OF November 8, 2018

Approved December 13, 2018

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

Members Absent: K. Melanson, 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 – October 25, 2018

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 25, 2018 CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING WAS MADE BY W. BOIVIN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY E. LOTURCO AND APPROVED (4-0-0).

4. Request for Certificate of Completion/Release of Surety – Erosion & Sedimentation Control Permit – 20 Second Avenue – Nordblom Development Company

Developer Steven Logan of the Nordblom Company and engineer Frank DiPietro of the BSC Group represented this application.

Mr. DiPietro reported that the site is stable.

J. Keeley noted there are no issues. There are a few landscaping items that need to be switched out, but otherwise everything is stable.

No one spoke from the audience.

A MOTION TO ISSUE THE CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE FOR PROJECT AT 20 SECOND AVENUE WAS MADE BY J. O'RIORDEN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY E. LOTURCO AND APPROVED (4-0-0).

A MOTION TO RELEASE THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE PERFORMANCE BOND, \$25,000, FOR THE PROJECT AT 20 SECOND AVENUE WAS MADE BY W. BOIVIN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY E. LOTURCO AND APPROVED (4-0-0).

5. Request for Determination of Applicability – 18 Rocky Hill Road – GTH Homes LLC – Demolish single-family dwelling & construct new single-family dwelling

Contractor Bob Richard and principal Greg Hickox of GTH Homes represented this application.

Mr. Hickox explained the request to take down the existing home/shed and build a new single-family home in compliance with the Conservation Commission rules and regulations.

E. Coleman commented that the wetlands were flagged, and the work would be 75 feet from the wetlands. The proposal is to infiltrate all the stormwater on site. She had no concerns. There is some debris beyond the straw wattles that could be removed by hand.

Conservation Commission clarified there would be no tree cutting, and no lawn beyond the erosion controls. Applicant agreed to remove the debris in the buffer zone.

No one spoke from the audience.

E. Coleman reviewed the findings and conditions.

A MOTION TO ISSUE A CONDITIONAL NEGATIVE DETERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY FOR THE PROPOSED WORK AT 18 ROCKY HILL ROAD WAS MADE BY E. LOTURCO. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY J. O'RIORDEN AND APPROVED (4-0-0).

6. Public Hearing – Notice of Intent – 22 Town Line Road – Blake Development LLC – Demolish single-family dwelling & construct new single-family dwelling – DEP #pending
Owner Joe Blake of Blake Development, LLC represented this application.

Mr. Blake explained the request to build the new home behind the existing home to allow the occupants to stay in their home while construction occurs. The goal is to improve drainage with grading and stone trenches. According to test pits, a Cultec infiltration system would not work. The impervious area on site would be reduced by removing the pool and deck. He is proposing to move the fence five feet away from the house to create more space between the proposed home and fence. And the fence in the rear would be replaced. Also, some trees would be removed/pruned to allow for the proposed home construction and to get more sunshine into the back yard. Straw wattles and siltation fence would be used around the limit of work.

J. Keeley requested a plan to scale, and the proposed contours should be on the plans. Also, the applicant needs to speak with the wetlands scientist about adding the riverfront area to the plans because there is a regulatory stream that abuts this site. He needs clarification on the trees to be removed that are beyond the straw wattles/limit of work, because typically straw wattles are the limit of work. A portion of the pool is on the Boston Edison property, and that portion cannot be

included in the pervious/impervious calculations. He requested a break down of the pervious and impervious numbers.

Conservation Commission commented:

- The existing fence along the side of the proposed structure is in the no-disturb zone, and the request is to move that further into the no-disturb zone
- There is a walking trail in the Conservation area adjacent to the rear fence
- This is not a FEMA flood zone area
- Significant grading could affect the hydrology to the wetlands
- W. Boivin is not in favor of waiving these regulations (no-build and no-disturb zones)
- Requirements for granting waivers

Conservation Commission requested:

- Waiver requested to build within the no-build zone
 - Ways to change the proposal to not require that waiver
- Add proposed fence location to the drawing
- Alternatives analysis / Improve existing situation
- Mark trees to be removed / Indicate existing trees on the plan
- Indicate the bank on the plans
- Trench drain and slope for the driveway on the plans

No one in the audience spoke on this matter.

This matter was continued to the December 13, 2018 Conservation Commission meeting.

7. Continued Public Hearing – Erosion & Sedimentation Control Permit – 121 Lexington Street – 121 Lexington St. Realty Trust – Demolish existing 3-unit house and construct a new 3-unit residential building

This application was withdrawn.

8. Administration

a. Planning Board comments: None

b. Subcommittee & Staff Reports:

2018 Natural Burlington Photography Contest Update

J. O’Riorden noted the Natural Burlington Photo Exhibit & Awards at Grandview Farm on November 6 was a success. Over 100 people attended, and people are already asking about next year. All the photos will be displayed on a public website soon.

Environmental Notification Form

J. Keeley announced that he received the MEPA (Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act) Environmental Notification Form (ENF) for the future Burlington water supply, including

connecting to the MWRA (Massachusetts Water Resource Authority). Commissioners requested copies. Comments should be submitted to staff.

Conservation Restriction – 6 Stony Brook Road

J. Keeley circulated the Conservation Restriction for signatures. He said the Selectmen need to sign before it goes back to EOEEA.

Open Space and Recreation Plan

J. Keeley noted there is a meeting next week and they are in the process of scheduling another outreach event.

c. Upcoming meetings: December 13, 2018 & January 10, 2018

d. Other Business: None

A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE NOVEMBER 8, 2018 CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING WAS MADE BY J. O'RIORDEN AT 8:06 PM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY E. LOTURCO AND APPROVED (4-0-0).

*Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Noelle Judd, Recording Clerk*