



TOWN OF BURLINGTON

Conservation Commission

MINUTES OF March 8, 2018

Approved March 22, 2018

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

Members Absent: K. Melanson, G. Lima

Also Present: Associate Commissioner J. O’Riorden, 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 – February 22, 2018

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 22, 2018 CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING WAS MADE BY E. LOTURCO. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY W. BOIVIN AND APPROVED (4-0-0).

4. Request for Determination of Applicability – 1 & 3 Burlington Woods Drive – The Gutierrez Company – Cut trees

No testimony was taken on this matter.

This matter was continued to the March 22, 2018 Conservation Commission meeting.

5. Public Hearing – Erosion & Sedimentation Control Permit – Patricia Way (off Taylor Avenue) – Murray Hills, Inc. – Construct five-lot subdivision

Phyllis Etsell and Adam Murray of Murray Hills Inc., and engineer David Romero of Commonwealth Engineering, Inc. represented this application.

Mr. Romero explained this is a 5-lot subdivision with eight catch basins, and four infiltration systems on site. The homeowners association will maintain the infiltration systems. Seven test pits were conducted. There will be an 80% TSS removal.

J. Keeley explained this request is for the roadway only. To the south of lot 1 appears to be wetlands, but that isn't before the commission. The lots will likely be administratively approved. Prior to lot construction, trees that will be saved should be marked.

Conservation Commission comments:

- Driveway for the homes are included in the calculation, but not the homes
- Barrels/tanks on property would be removed, and the applicant will do test pits to ensure there is no contamination
- There will be dewatering for the utility trench

There was no one in the audience for this matter.

This matter was continued to the March 22, 2018 Conservation Commission meeting.

6. Continued Public Hearing – Notice of Intent – Wheeler Road – Jumbo Self Storage LLC/Jumbo Capital Management – Construct commercial self-storage building – DEP #122-604

Engineer Bill Prize, project scientist Rachel Hyland, and architect Andrew Graves with BL Companies; and attorney Robert Buckley of Riemer & Braunstein, LLP represented this application.

Mr. Prize explained the changes since the last meeting:

- Update TSS tables and check list
- Lined the rain garden
- Conservation restriction area was added to the plans
- Landscaping plan includes shade-tolerant seed mix
- There should be no standing water because the soils are sandy
- Stock pile area was increased
- Added the 140 contour line to the berm on the plans
- Checked with BOH and there are no regulations for hazardous material storage

Staff had no comment.

L. Cohen read Linda Turn's and the Sherin and Lodgen letters into the record.

Robert Duffy, 76/80 Blanchard Road, represented the Sherin and Lodgen letter. He discussed the validity of the lot lines with Mr. Buckley. L. Cohen explained many of Mr. Duffy's concerns are not the purview of the Conservation Commission but rather the Planning Board, and suggested he present these concerns to them at their next meeting.

This matter was continued to the March 22, 2018 Conservation Commission meeting.

7. Public Hearing – Notice of Intent – 141-151 Bedford Street – Northeastern University – Construct new drainage system, utilities, parking, landscaping & driveway associated with new 35,000 sq. ft. (footprint) building – DEP # 122-605

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Attorney Robert Buckley of Riemer & Braunstein, LLP, Director of Administration at the Innovation Campus in Burlington Rachel Spiller of Northeastern University, and engineer William Maher of Nitsch Engineering represented this application.

Mr. Maher explained the changes since the last meeting:

- Provided the model of the stormceptors
- Removed the paved swale and replace with rip rap dams
- Added the green roof and increased the amount of sweeping to the O&M plan
- Agree to work with the engineering department to fix the town-owned catch basin at the end of the driveway
- Extended the swale along the perimeter driveway, and added a dry well
- Added water quality swale to both sides of the drone cage
- For accessing the out fall and installing the culvert under the trail, small equipment would be used
- Adjusted the design points
- Relocated the fire hydrant, at the request of the fire department, and hence shifted the water quality swale in that area
- Added and shifted catch basins around the green space

Mr. Buckley noted they are exploring other locations for the gate to Mary Cummings Park.

Conservation Commission comments:

- Confirmed that the swale can handle the hydrant flushing
- Purpose of the black pipe on property has not been answered
- Snow storage location has not been determined
- Work with the Trustees and staff in regards to the rip rap out fall

No one in the audience spoke on this matter.

This matter was continued to the March 22, 2018 Conservation Commission meeting.

8. Administration

a. Planning Board comments:

b. Subcommittee & Staff Reports:

Planning Board Meeting – Master Plan

W. Boivin noted the next meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2018 at 6pm in the School Committee Room to discuss Housing and Transportation.

c. Upcoming meetings: March 22, 2018 & April 12, 2018

e. Other Business:

Old Concord Road – H Mart trash issue

J. Keeley spoke with the Building Inspector and Board of Health in regards to this matter.

Open Space and Recreation Plan update

J. Keeley explained only one bid came back, and he is coordinating with the Recreation Commission a time to review the submission. E. Loturco and W. Boivin were selected to assist in evaluation of open space recreation plan proposals.

A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MARCH 8, 2018 CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING WAS MADE BY E. LOTURCO AT 8:27 PM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY W. BOIVIN AND APPROVED (4-0-0).

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