

**BURLINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES OF APRIL 9, 2009**  
**BURLINGTON TOWN HALL MAIN HEARING ROOM**  
**29 CENTER STREET, BURLINGTON, MA**

**Approved April 30, 2009**

Present: L. Cohen, K. Melanson, A. McNamara, I. Deb, G. Lima, N. Celik  
Also present: J. Keeley, Conservation Administrator; R. Newell, Conservation Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 7 P.M. by Larry Cohen

1. Citizen's Time – No one was present for citizen's time.
2. Request for Determination of Applicability – 1A Marion Road – Single-Family House Addition

Joseph and Michelle Peluso, the property owners and applicants, were present. J. Peluso explained that they would like to construct a two story addition off of the back of their existing house. M. Peluso said that the addition will be 16'x18' and will not impede on the stream at the rear of the lot. J. Keeley discussed the location of the wetland. He said that the proposed addition will be about 37 feet from the headwall of the stream. The new addition will be constructed within the area of an existing concrete patio. The addition will extend two feet closer to the stream than the patio. J. Keeley explained that the addition will be constructed on sonotubes instead of a foundation. Therefore, there will not be a lot of excavation associated with the project. He said he has no concerns about the project.

**MOTION TO ISSUE A NEGATIVE DETERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY UNDER BURLINGTON BY-LAW ARTICLE 14 AND THE MA WETLANDS PROTECTION ACT FOR THE PROJECT AT 1A MARION ROAD – GL/ID 6-0-0**

3. Planning Board Comments - J. Keeley told the Commission that the Planning Board will hold a public hearing at their next meeting to discuss proposed changes to the Zoning Bylaw that would allow the use of low impact development (LID) drainage techniques in the Town of Burlington. The Zoning Bylaw currently prohibits the use of things like pervious pavement. J. Keeley explained that the new DEP Stormwater Standards require that LID be used on new development projects. J. Keeley said that he will attend the Planning Board meeting.

4. Administration

- a. Meeting schedule – April 23, 2009 and May 14, 2009. L. Cohen and N. Celik will not be able to attend the April 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. K. Melanson is not sure if she will be able to attend. J. Keeley and R. Newell explained that they will need a decision from K.

Melanson by Friday, because if she can't make it, there will not be a quorum, and the April 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting will have to be canceled.

(K. Melanson excused herself from the meeting.)

b. Subcommittee reports – There were none

c. Other – J. Keeley discussed Earth Day Activities. The Conservation Department will host a nature walk at the Mill Pond Conservation Area on April 24, 2009.

- G. Lima mentioned that there are ongoing problems with litter and vandalism in the Sawmill Brook Conservation Area.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 P.M. – GL/ID 5-0-0

Minutes prepared by:

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Conservation Department