



# TOWN OF BURLINGTON

## *Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes*

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DEPT. /BOARD: Conservation Commission

DATE: 2/09/2023

TIME: 6:30 PM

PLACE: 29 Center Street – Town Hall – 2nd Floor Main Hearing Room

**Member(s) in attendance:** Larry Cohen, Rob Sheahan, Kent Moffatt, William Boivin, (all in person) Indra Deb (online)

**Member(s) absent:** Ed LoTurco

Conservation Administrator John Keeley and Assistant Conservation Administrator Eileen Coleman were also present.

THE MEETING WAS BROADCAST LIVE ON THE BCAT GOVERNMENT CHANNEL

*Approved at the February 23, 2023 Conservation Commission meeting*

### **1. Call Meeting to Order – Roll call of attendance**

Mr. Cohen called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and read a statement about public participation and technology.

### **2. Public Participation (for items not on the agenda)**

There were no comments from the audience regarding items not on the agenda.

**3. Approval of Minutes** – The Minutes from the previous meeting of the Commission were not available at this time.

**4. Public Hearing – Stormwater Bylaw Application** – 15 Burlington Mall Road – 5 Burlington Woods LLC (Tony Ecker) – Add parking lot islands, curbing, other minor site work.

Mr. David Robinson of Allen and Major Associates was present at the meeting and spoke on behalf of the project. A Stormwater Bylaw application was filed for site improvements at 15 Burlington Mall Road (aka 5 Burlington Woods Drive). The proposed project involves construction of a 1,222 square foot addition, loading dock and compactor enclosure, enhancement of landscape islands, removal of 4 trees to accommodate a sidewalk on the southwestern edge of the property, and planting of 8 trees along the northwestern property line.

Mr. Cohen asked if the catchbasins on site had been examined and was told by Mr. Robinson that they were solid precast concrete units in good shape but could be cleaned out post-construction. Mr Boivin had some concerns about the trees in the islands.

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Staff read the draft permits. A performance surety of \$2,500 is proposed.

Mr. Robinson stated that he understands the conditions for the project and did not have any objections to any of them.

**MOTION-** To Issue a Stormwater Permit for the project at 15 Burlington Mall Road (5 Burlington Woods Drive) Mr. Sheahan voted Yes, Mr. Boivin voted Yes, Mr. Deb voted Abstain, Mr. Cohen voted Yes. The Motion passed with a vote of 4-0-1.

**MOTION-** To require a performance surety of \$2,500 for the project at 15 Burlington Mall Road. Mr. Sheahan voted Yes, Mr. Boivin voted Yes, Mr. Deb voted Abstain, Mr. Cohen voted Yes. The Motion passed with a vote of 4-0-1.

### **5. Administration**

a. There were no Planning Board comments.

b. Subcommittee & staff reports and updates. The Select Board will be voting to appoint a new Conservation Commissioner, Emily Kotwal.

c. Other business. On Wednesday February 15 at 7:00pm will be the first community forum on the initiative to change the Burlington Mall parking lot and several acres of bare pavement into a more walkable, pedestrian friendly environment. The meeting and subsequent project will be mainly involving the revision of town zoning rules.

More information on the proposed revision of the Burlington Mall Road area can be found here: <https://bringmetoburlington.com/initiative/massdevelopment-mall-road-corridor/>

There was a discussion on tax rebates and tax credits for the purchase of electric and hybrid vehicles. More information can be found here: [State and Federal Electric Vehicle Funding Programs | Mass.gov](#)

d. Upcoming meetings: February 23, 2023 | March 9, 2023

### **6. Adjourn**

**MOTION-** To adjourn the meeting. Mr. Sheahan voted Yes, Mr. Boivin voted Yes, Mr. Deb voted Yes, Mr. Cohen voted Yes. The Motion passed with a vote of 5-0-0.