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**Wetlands Resiliency Subcommittee Meeting, Monday March 27 4pm**

Present were: Bill Boivin, Larry Cohen, Rob Sheahan, Emily Kotwal (online), John Keeley and Eileen Coleman

*Approved at the April 13, 2023 Conservation Commission meeting*

Goals: to add climate resiliency to the wetlands bylaws/regulations. Maybe also create a tree bylaw.

Discussion on which to change first, the wetland bylaw or regulations? John Keeley asserted and there was general agreement that we intend to adopt changes to the regulations that make sense for Burlington. Then we can change the Bylaw if needed. Regulation changes can be ratified with a vote from the Conservation Commission only while Bylaw changes would need town meeting approval.

Nonetheless the subcommittee started with the bylaw table from the Nashua Rivers Communities Resilient Land Management project (here: <https://climateresilient.wixsite.com/nashuariver/climate-change-regulations> ) to see if/what changes make sense.

1. Purpose section. Agreed to change; Will work on wording later.
2. Jurisdiction – isolated wetlands and intermittent streams. No need to change this section.
3. Jurisdiction – AURA/Buffer zone. No need to change this section though we could look at our performance standards.
4. Jurisdiction – wider AURA/Buffer zone or Ecological Climate Resilience Zone. As with 3, we have wider buffer zones e.g. on vernal pools, though we could make the performance standards stricter.

To be continued at the next meeting.

There was a discussion of relevant threats or concerns from climate change and development, these being flooding, heat islands, water quality in stream (inc. nutrients and thermal pollution).

We agreed to meet monthly. JK to send out a doodle poll for late April.

Also agreed we would review regulations with an eye to the table we were working through.