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Moran Plant A250 JO# 4-228

Docket No. 34-3-12 Vtec

Please see the enclosed ORDER signed by Judge Thomas G. Walsh on September 18, 2012.



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In re Jurisdictional Opinion #4-228 Development of Moran Plant/Waterfront North Burlington, Vermont

STIPULATION, FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND JUDGMENT ORDER

NOW COME the City of Burlington, Vermont ("Burlington"), the Natural Resources
Board Land Use Panel ("NRB"), and Alison Lockwood ("Lockwood"), and hereby stipulate that
the Court may enter the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Judgment Order to
resolve the above captioned matter:

Findings of Fact

- 1. Burlington obtained an Act 250 permit for Waterfront Park (LUP #4C0863 as amended by LUP#4C0863-1).
- 2. Burlington owns property to the north of Waterfront Park totaling approximately 8.75 acres \pm in size ("the Parcel").
- 3. The Parcel consists of a 6.5-acre parcel acquired by the City in 1991 and the City owned Moran Generating Plant property and operations yard, which were consolidated in 2010.
 A survey map reflecting the Parcel ("Parcel A" on the map) is attached hereto as Exhibit
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- 4. Burlington proposed to develop the Moran/Waterfront North project (Moran/WFN) on the Parcel.
- 5. In response to a request by Lockwood, the coordinator for the District #4 Environmental Commission issued a jurisdictional opinion (the "JO") finding jurisdiction over Moran/WFN.

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- 6. Burlington appealed the JO.
- 7. Subsequent to the issuance of the JO and this appeal, Burlington modified the scope of Moran/WFN.
- 8. The modifications included withdrawing renovations to the Moran Plant and surrounding area, removing the splash area/ice rink, and removing the Community Sailing Center boat storage yard and office/classroom building.
- 9. The project is now referred to as "Waterfront Access North" ("WAN").
- 10. The WAN project will occur entirely within the boundaries of the Parcel (except where the bike path and Lake Street elements of the WAN project will be connected to the existing bike path and Lake Street).
- 11. The WAN project will cover approximately 70 percent of the Parcel. A revised Concept Site Plan for the WAN project, attached as Exhibit 2, reflects the changes from Moran/WFN to WAN by using a white masking overlay on the Moran/WFN project components that are not part of the WAN project.
- 12. WAN is primarily a transportation-based municipal project funded in large part by Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) grant funds.
- 13. The WAN project consists of the following:
 - a. improving and expanding Lake Street north from its present terminus;
 - b. reconfiguring and expanding the Bike Path from Penny Lane northward;
 - c. establishing a new parking lot east of the Water Department and Burlington Electric Department (BED) buildings containing approximately 75 spaces;
 - d. establishing additional parking up the length of Lake Street from Penny Lane to the boundary of the Urban Reserve;
 - e. upgrading existing parking behind the Water Department and BED buildings;
 - f. installing a storm water system for the parcel; and

- g. relocating and rebuilding the skatepark at a location north and west of its current location.
- 14. The scope of the WAN project represents a reduction in potential Act 250 impacts from Moran/WFN.
- 15. The WAN project will not cause any physical change to the permitted Waterfront Park project. It does not call for any change to a permitted development or subdivision which has a significant impact on any finding, conclusion, term or condition of the project's permit, or which may result in a significant adverse impact with respect to any of the criteria specified in 10 VSA Section 6086(a)(1) through (a)(10).
- 16. No new parties could be affected by the reduction in the scope of the WAN project.
- 17. Burlington intends to file an application to further amend LUP #4C0863-1.
- 18. Burlington, NRB, and Lockwood attended a Court ordered mediation with attorney Christopher Ekman on August 29, 2012.
- 19. At the mediation, the parties reached an agreement to resolve and settle this appeal.
- 20. The parties' agreement is the product of a negotiated settlement and no party shall be prejudiced by it with respect to any future Act 250 permit applications pertaining to the WAN parcel.

Conclusions of Law

- 21. The Court retains jurisdiction of this *de novo* appeal.
- 22. The Parcel is separate and distinct from the Waterfront Park parcel, and was acquired by Burlington after the issuance of LUP #4C0863.
- 23. The WAN project, when considered alone, does not constitute "development" pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 6001(3)(v) because it is a project for a municipal purpose that physically disturbs fewer than ten acres. In addition, the WAN project contains components of a Corrective Action Plan (CAP), approved by the Agency of Natural Resources. These

- components are exempt from the definition of development under 10 V.S.A. § 6001(D)(vi)(I)(dd).
- 24. The WAN project will not cause any physical change to the permitted Waterfront Park project, or impact under Act 250 Rule 34(A). It does not call for any change to a permitted development or subdivision which has a significant impact on any finding, conclusion, term or condition of the project's permit, or which may result in a significant adverse impact with respect to any of the criteria specified in 10 VSA Section 6086(a)(1) through (a)(10).
- 25. The WAN project will cause no cognizable change to permitted Waterfront Park project (LUP #4C0863, as amended).
- 26. The WAN project will cause no material change to the permitted Waterfront Park project (LUP #4C0863, as amended).
- 27. There is no Act 250 jurisdiction over the WAN project and no permit or permit amendment is required.

Judgment Order

- 28. This appeal is dismissed with prejudice.
- 29. Each party shall bear its or her own costs and attorney fees.
- 30. The parties waive their rights to appeal this Judgment Order.
- 31. Burlington shall perform no work or development on the Waterfront Park parcel pursuant to the WAN project except to connect the bike path extension to the existing bike path, or on Lake Street, except to extend Lake Street within the Parcel and to connect the Lake Street extension with the existing Lake Street.

- 32. Within 60 days of the Court's entry of this Judgment Order, Burlington shall apply for an amendment to the existing Waterfront Park permit (LUP #4C0863) concerning the uses and management of the Waterfront Park.
- 33. For any public event involving 700 or more persons at the skatepark, and in order to appropriately regulate the flow of traffic and to direct event participants to appropriate parking locations, the director of the Department of Parks and Recreation shall insure that a uniformed traffic officer is located at or near the Parcel.
- 34. The skatepark shall be open only from dawn to dusk, unless changed by the City of Burlington.

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