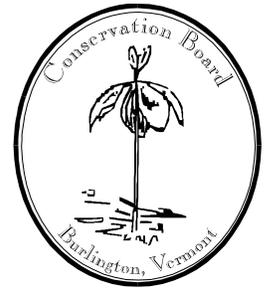


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Conservation Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 25, 2014 – 5:30 pm
City Hall Lower Level – Planning and Zoning Conference Room

Attendance:

- **Board Members:** Scott Mapes (SM), Don Meals (DM), Matt Moore (MM), Jeff Severson (JS), Stephanie Young (SY), Will Flender (WF), Damon Lane (DL), Zoe Richards (ZR), Miles Waite (MW)
- **Absent:** Jeff Severson arrived 5:38 pm, followed by Matt Moore arrived at 6:20 pm
- **Public:** See items below
- **Staff:** Jay Appleton (Planning and Zoning); Mary O'Neil (Planning and Zoning)

WF, vice chair, called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Minutes of June 30, 2013.

DL offered a revision to the June Minutes, to replace an acronym on page 4 with SEA, which stands for Street Edge Alternatives. A MOTION was made by DM and SECONDED by MW to accept the minutes of June 30 as revised. The motion passed 6-0-1.

Minutes of August 4, 2014.

A MOTION was made by DM and SECONDED by SY to accept the minutes of August 4 as written. The motion passed 5-0-2.

Board Comment.

- None were heard.

Public Comment.

- None were heard.

Open Space Subcommittee Report.

The subcommittee chair WF reported that the committee did not meet in the past month, and had nothing to report.

Project Review:

14-1321CA: 111 Colchester Avenue (I, Ward 1) Fletcher Allen Health Care

In attendance for the item were Gail Henderson-King (White and Burke), Bill Nedde (Krebs and Lansing), Dave Keelty (Fletcher Allen Health Care), and Jack Myers (Stantec).

Gail Henderson-King gave an overview of the project to construct a 208,000 square foot, seven story inpatient hospital building adjacent to the existing Ambulatory Care Center of Fletcher Allen Health Care

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(FAHC). The building will provide single-bed rooms. Three University of Vermont (UVM) dormitories (Chittenden, Buckham, and Wills Halls) will be demolished to provide room for the project, combined with a lot line adjustment. The dormitory demolition will be reviewed under a separate zoning permit application. Existing parking areas will be reconfigured with no net increase in parking for both FAHC and UVM.

Bill Nedde reviewed the proposed stormwater management system that will serve the project site, which is in the North Campus watershed. It drains into the existing North Campus Stormwater Treatment Facility (NCSTF). The NCSTF in turn discharges into Centennial Brook, and impaired waterway as classified by the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources.

Bill Nedde reported that the City's Stormwater Administrator, Megan Moir, will do her EPSC permitting after zoning review as permit pre-release conditions. An email dated August 17, 2014 from Megan Moir to Jack Myers and Scott Gustin (Planning and Zoning) documents this and the reasons why.

The forebay of the NCSTF will be enlarged linearly to the north to accommodate increased sediment transport from the project site. However an increase of 123 lbs/year of sediment discharge into Centennial Brook will result from the project. To offset this, FAHC proposes to contribute to a large stormwater infiltration project to capture sediment flowing from Jaycee Park in South Burlington. The park is located on Patchen Road and drains into a tributary of Centennial Brook.

Bill Nedde gave a presentation on the formulas and resulting data from stormwater computer modelling for the NCSTF.

Jack Myers said that the FAHC building will be built in 12 phases, with the stormwater component in 5 phases.

DM asked for more information about proposed rain gardens on the site. Dave Keelty reported that borings revealed that the land under FAHC is essentially a bedrock bowl filled with glacial till from which water cannot escape. Therefore the rain gardens are more "window dressing" than functional.

Both JS and DM said they are comfortable with the fact that not all stormwater is done at this time, and there were enough checks and balances in place to insure adequate treatment of stormwater from the site.

A MOTION was made by JS and seconded by MW:

The Board supports the FAHC new inpatient building project with standard stormwater conditions.

The motion passed 8-0-0.

Project Review:

14-1181CA/CU: 8 College Street (multiple Zones in Wards 3, 5, 7) Dept. of Parks and Recreation

Jesse Bridges, Director of the City's Department of Parks and Recreation was in attendance for the item.

Jesse Bridges stated he was back before the Board regarding the Waterfront Bikepath Rehabilitation Project because the Development Review Board conditioned its approval upon a subsequent review of the project's Erosion Prevention and Sediment Control (EPSC) plan, approved by Megan Moir, the City's Stormwater Administrator.

The zoning permit (1181CA/CU) is for Phase 1 of Bikepath rehabilitation and Waterfront Park improvements from Perkins Pier to North Beach. Phase 1A of the bikepath rehabilitation will span from Perkins Pier to Waterfront Park.

The project's EPSC plan was distributed to the Board in their meeting packets.
A MOTION was made by DM and seconded by SM:

The Board approves the Bikepath Rehabilitation Erosion Prevention and Sediment Control Plan.

The motion passed 8-0-0.

Other Business:

Revised Vermont Public Meeting Law

A memo from City Attorney, Eileen Blackwood, regarding changes to the Vermont Open Meeting Law enacted by the State Legislature in May 2014, was distributed to the Board in their meeting packets.

DM questioned whether the Conservation Board, which is an advisory body as opposed to a decision-making body, should be subject to the more rigorous requirements of the new law. Jay Appleton stated he had asked this question as well, and the answer is yes.

Adjournment.

DM moved and WF seconded to adjourn the August/September meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 pm.