

## Burlington Conservation Board

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## Conservation Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 4, 2016 – 5:30 pm  
Planning and Zoning Conference Room - City Hall Lower Level  
149 Church Street

### Attendance

- **Board Members:** Stephanie Young (SY), Zoe Richards (ZR), Don Meals (DM), Matt Moore (MM), Damon Lane (DL), Scott Mapes (SM), Jeff Severson (JS), Miles Waite (MW)
- **Absent:** Will Flender (WF)
- **Public:** None.
- **Staff:** Scott Gustin (Planning & Zoning), Jesse Bridges (Parks & Recreation)

MM, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

### Minutes

January 4, 2016 meeting minutes

DL noted several corrections. Pg 2, paragraph 5, first word of 3rd line is "trial" should be "trail."  
Pg 3, paragraph 4, second sentence is a question by DL that needs a question mark.  
Pg 3, paragraph 5, starts with a question by DL, but that was someone else.

A MOTION was made by DM and SECONDED by SY:

Accept the January 4 meeting minutes as corrected.

Vote: 7-0-0, motion carried.

January 21, 2016 meeting minutes

A MOTION was made by DM and SECONDED by DL:

Accept the January 21 meeting minutes as written.

Vote: 5-0-2, motion carried.

ZR appeared.

February 9, 2016 meeting minutes

A MOTION was made by DL and SECONDED by SM:

Accept the February 9 meeting minutes as written.

Vote: 4-4-0, motion carried.

### Board Comment

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SM noted the Planning Commission is entertaining a zoning amendment to allow increase in lot coverage for pervious pavement. In order to qualify, the pervious pavement needs to accommodate the 1-yr/24-hr storm event.

SG overviewed/explained the amendment. Basically, it allows an additional 10% lot coverage for pervious pavements that infiltrate the 1-yr/24-hr storm event. It was approved by PC and sent along to the City Council. SM noted also that the state stormwater manual is being updated. MW said there are public meetings for those that are interested. SM, some of the changes are long overdue. MW, includes soil augmentation standards.

DM said the public comment period is still open for the state's new agricultural practice standards.

ZR asked MW about the state's working group to deal with "dirty dirt" and disposal or transfer thereof. MW said that a procedure has been developed that allows transfer of contaminated soils from one site to another under the same ownership with the same or greater degree of contamination.

### **Public Comment**

None.

### **Open Space Subcommittee**

MM, the subcommittee did not meet today.

### **Project Review**

#### **1. 14-1181CA/CU; 8 College Street (RL-W, Ward 4) City of Burlington**

Amendment for bike path rehabilitation, including phase 1 from Perkins Pier to North Beach. Also, improvements to Waterfront Park, including replacement lighting, potable water improvements, boardwalk renovation, and landscaping improvements.

Jesse Bridges appeared on behalf of this item. This project encompasses bike path reconstruction north of the skate park almost up to North Beach. We are now under a CAP rather than a soil management plan with VT DEC. The CAP is for the project as a whole. In the Urban Reserve, no soils will be removed. More impervious surface will be removed than will be put in place in the Urban Reserve. A number of concrete pads and asphalted areas will be removed. One new culvert will be installed. Some additional shoreline work is included. Some of it will be armored. New pause places will be installed along the path. Outside of the Urban Reserve, there will be some soils that need to be removed. Within the UR, some 150 new trees will be planted. Scrub growth will be removed. It will become much more welcoming from a user perspective. We are looking to be in the ground in June with completion in December.

ZR, how will the newly planted area be managed? Mr. Bridges, brush hog 2X per year. It won't be lawn. The dog park is mowed more frequently. The proposed oval by Texaco Beach will be mowed more frequently too. ADA access to the beach will be provided. Mr. Bridges also mentioned ecological restoration of newly acquired BC parkland and path connection.

SM, what is being used for shoreline armor? Mr. Bridges, mostly stone. SM, what kind of stone? Mr. Bridges, does not know offhand. DM, regarding the shoreline areas to be repaired with stone, will the repair be beefed up or will it be exact replacement? Mr. Bridges, it will be strengthened.

Mr. Bridges mentioned another pause place to be created by the dog park. New fitness equipment will be installed as part of a UVM Medical Center sponsored "fitness circuit." DM, how about bike racks? Mr. Bridges, they will be provided.

SM, what will become of the access road? Mr. Bridges, it will remain. It provides access to the Flying A site. It will get a touch-up but will not be reconstructed.

MW, was the asphalt by Texaco Beach used as a parking lot at one time? Mr. Bridges thinks so. MW asked if the city could transfer soil from one city parcel to another. Mr. Bridges did not think so. That may be where policy is headed but the rules have not actually changed yet.

Mr. Bridges said that the project is basically the same but project plans are more fully developed now. SG mentioned that there are some modest changes, and any change in the Urban Reserve requires review.

ZR, do you expect any opposition to the tree cutting? Mr. Bridges, probably, but it's mostly small poplar. We are really aiming to restore this area. Texaco Beach will remain a quieter, passive recreation beach as compared to North Beach.

SY, will the bike path be closed this summer? Mr. Bridges, it will be closed in sections for periods of time. The most significant closure will be in October and November.

JS, in the Urban Reserve, there are a number of rare plant species associated with the railroad disturbance. He's not sure if this work will impact them. He recommended having measures in place for dealing with these. Mr. Bridges mentioned that there is a protocol in place that applies city-wide. JS, may be useful to have Alicia Daniels involved. Mr. Bridges said that she's on staff as the city's field naturalist.

Mr. Bridges said he hopes to be back next year with the next phase of the bike path reconstruction.

SM requested a stone specification. Doesn't want to see white or concrete. Mr. Bridges agreed to follow up with a stone specification.

A MOTION was made by SM and SECONDED by JS

Support the project as presented.

Vote: 7-0-1, motion carried.  
(MW abstained)

## **Update & Discussion**

### **1. Board member for Long Range Planning Committee**

MM left. JS chaired this item.

MW overviewed the position. He's stepping down. In his experience, the Committee spent a lot of time with Plan BTV Downtown and Waterfront and then onto PlanBTV South End. He lost interest with the south end effort. The group focuses on long term planning efforts. It meets 1X per month during lunch time.

JS, did you feel as BCB member, you brought a relevant perspective? MW, for Downtown & Waterfront, he brought expertise to the Committee relative to infill development and potential contamination considerations.

DL, anything else? MW, long range things like the city's Capital Improvement Plan. We looked at RFP's for planning consultants. DL, conceptually interested.

A MOTION was made by DM and SECONDED by SM:

DL to be on the Long Range Planning Committee.

Vote: 7-0-0, motion carried.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM