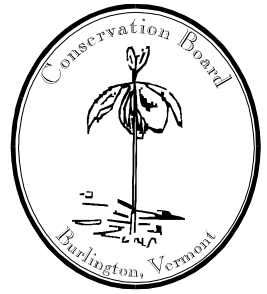


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Conservation Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 12, 2021 – 5:30 pm

645 Pine Street, Main Conference Room and remote access

Attendance

- **Board Members:** Zoe Richards (ZR), Miles Waite (MW), Rebecca Roman (RR), Ryan Crehan (RC), Caryn Connolly (CC), Hannah Brislin (HB)
- **Absent:** Don Meals (DM) Jules Lees (JL)
- **Public:** Andy Simon
- **Staff:** Scott Gustin (Permitting & Inspections)

MW, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

Annual Organizational Meeting

SG briefly overviewed the Long Range Planning Committee. RC is the present member.

A MOTION was made by MW and SECONDED by CC:

Nominate RC to the LRPC.

Vote: 5-0-0 (HB not yet present). RC elected to LRPC.

A MOTION was made by RC and SECONDED by RR:

Nominate RR to be Vice Chair.

Vote: 6-0-0. RR elected Vice Chair.

ZR, as Vice Chair, becomes the Chair.

Minutes

RC said pg. 3, 3rd paragraph, should be RR, not RC.

A MOTION was made by ZR and SECONDED by RR:

Approve the meeting minutes of June 7, 2021 as corrected.

Vote: 6-0-0, motion carried.

Board Comment

SG noted that TH is stepping down.

RC thanked MW for being Chair.

Board members introduced themselves for the benefit of new member Caryn Connolly.

Public Comment

None.

Open Space Subcommittee

ZR provided a brief status update of the ongoing Open Space Addendum work. She noted the Addendum within the context of the city's existing Open Space Protection Plan and the conservation legacy fund. The subcommittee is reviewing the draft with the consultant.

SG noted that the full board will review the draft Addendum in August.

RC asked about funding opportunities for projects related to the Addendum. ZR said discussions are ongoing. We can make discussion of funding opportunities an August agenda item.

MW noted the letter about 501 Pine Street conservation. He noted the BERA funds for 501 Pine Street. The property is set to receive a big influx of money to help it develop. It's owned by Rick Davis presently. There have been a few development proposals that haven't come to fruition for a variety of reasons.

ZR asked what the BERA dollars will do. MW said additional assessment and testing will be done, probably on the geotechnical end.

MW noted the barge canal NAPL and the sand cap to keep it in place. The contaminants at 501 are in the soil.

ZR said it would need to be someone like Parks to approach for conservation of the property.

HB, is there any realistic way to build on this property? MW said he doesn't know. RC mentioned the brownfields program.

Andy Simon spoke in support of conserving this property. The city needs to take seriously the possibility of not developing this property. It's got pollution problems. The original proposals were for office space. It's not going to be a real hot item. He urges the Board to take on this item.

MW, we can't make an application to the legacy fund. It needs to be some other entity, such as the owner. Maybe acquisition of the development rights could be considered.

RR, like a conservation easement.

RC, the Fish & Wildlife Service is involved. There could be more remediation done.

ZR, would it be worth a wider discussion with Cindi Wight and Dan Cahill? MW, it could be worth getting input from them.

Adjournment

6:11 PM.