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TOWN OF BURLINGTON

Conservation Commission Resiliency Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2023

Wetlands Resiliency Subcommittee Meeting, ~~March 18, 2023~~, 4pm

Present were: Bill Boivin, Ed Lo Turco, Rob Sheahan, John Keeley and Eileen Coleman

Approved at the April 27, 2023 Conservation Commission meeting

Bill Boivin had continued to look at the language offered in bylaw table from the Nashua Rivers Communities Resilient Land Management project (here: https://aae22901-1c26-4554-9229-3264a1e26c4b.filesusr.com/ugd/29afe1_d7ba6b31eb654a62aa17b0db98decb12.pdf)

He particularly likes the language in Section VII, Permits and Conditions (sections based on the MACC model bylaw). We reviewed that language and John Keeley agreed that we should ensure Climate Change is references within the Purpose section of the Burlington Wetlands Bylaw.

It was generally agreed that this would be the only substantive change needed to the Bylaw in order to address Climate Change more stringently in the Regulations.

John Keeley to work on a draft of the Wetlands Bylaw including the agreed upon language.

Based on a discussion about trees and tree cover Eileen is to check iTree, which she shared on screen, to see if we can measure the change in tree cover.

[here is the scorecard for Burlington: <https://ourtrees.itreetools.org/#/report?longitude=-71.1956205&latitude=42.5047161>]

Bill Boivin suggested we could change the Stormwater Bylaw to include similar language at the same time. John Keeley said it is not clear we could add the same wording as we don't define "interests" in the Stormwater Bylaw.

Discussion about which Town Meeting to aim for with proposed Bylaw changes. It was generally agreed that it makes sense to put placeholder articles for both the Wetlands Bylaw changes and Sustainability Action Plan match in the September Town Meeting warrant.

John Keeley will send out a doodle pool for the next meeting date.

Adj: 5:41pm