



BURLINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, April 17, 2024  
BURLINGTON TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM

1. Call to Order: Vice Chairman Vince Lambri called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Present: Tom Finan, Vince Lambri, Tom Roberge, Amelia Kearney, Jackie Shadford, John Hebert, and Richard Miller.
2. Accept Minutes: Motion made (Miller) and seconded (Shadford) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 20, 2024. All in favor.
3. Citizen's Comments: None
4. CLCC Conference. Hebert, Lambri and Shadford reported on a session regarding Affordable housing with Conservation. Lambri and Shadford reported on grant writing and available funds. Finan reported light pollution. In addition, many other conservation workshops were attended. Conservation related information was obtained from many vendors. Kearney added a good conservation reference was Nature's Best Hope by Doug Tallamy. Shadford suggested Rural by Design: Planning for Town and Country by Randall Arendt.
5. Earth Day Clean-up: Lambri reviewed plans including the Town's assistance for the event.
6. Update on 180 Stafford Road property: Lambri reported that residents of the area under consideration presented a petition to the BOS stating the plot's zoning designation is not appropriate for the area and urged this be taken into consideration when selling the land. At a BOS meeting Lambri (CC), Scott Heth (Barnes Nature Center) and Karen Getz (BLT) testified urging the town to not sell the land for commercial use and consider its future use be in concert with the area which is conserved land and a residential neighborhood.
8. Future Guest Speakers: Discussion concerning speakers at board meeting. The consensus was that speakers can help contribute to specific or general issues of conservation with their expertise. Speakers will be scheduled when the agenda permits. Selectman Thompson may attend in June.
9. Goals: Discussion included (a) working with high school ECO Club; (b) attend conservation related educational events; (c) monitor town budget regarding funds for CC to include conference attendance and speakers; (d) identify potential land areas to be preserved; (e) educate citizens on conservation subjects; (f) produce educational resources for the new town website.
10. New business: Finan suggest looking into what kinds of issues other CC committees are involved in. He will report back on the activities of the Canton CC.
11. Adjourn: Motion made and passed to adjourn at 8:35 pm (Miller/Shadford).

Next meeting, Wednesday May 15, 2024, at 7pm

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Finan, Secretary