

governments may place limits on advertisements impacting the health and safety of the public and political-political advertisements, contributions and expenditures from any source.

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ACTION: The vote to amend Failed.

MAIN MOTION: As printed in the Warrant

ACTION: MAJORITY APPROVED MAIN MOTION
Hand count was done 49 for and 30 against.

ARTICLE 23 RE: Non-Zoning Wetlands Protection Bylaw Article XIV

To see if the Town will vote to delete from the General Bylaws, the existing provisions in Article XIV, Environment, Section 1.0, Wetlands, and to adopt the following provisions, except to the extent that the provisions of the existing Bylaw shall apply to certain projects as expressly set forth below:

1.0 Wetlands Protection Bylaw

1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this Bylaw is to protect the wetlands, water resources, flood prone areas, and adjoining upland areas in the Town of Burlington by controlling activities deemed by the Conservation Commission likely to have a significant effect on resource area interests deemed important to the community (collectively, the "resource area interests protected by this Bylaw"). These include but are not limited to the following:

- public or private water supply
- groundwater supply
- flood control
- erosion and sedimentation control
- storm damage prevention including water quality
- prevention and control of pollution
- fisheries
- wildlife habitat
- rare species habitat including rare plant and animal species
- recreational and educational values

This Bylaw is intended to utilize the Home Rule authority of Burlington so as to protect the resource areas under the Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. Ch. 131 §40; the Act) to a greater degree, to protect additional resource areas beyond the Act recognized by the Town as significant, to protect all resource areas for their additional values beyond those recognized in the Act, and to impose in local regulations and permits additional standards and procedures stricter than those of the Act and regulations thereunder (310 CMR 10.00), subject, however, to the rights and benefits accorded to agricultural uses and structures of all kinds under the laws of the Commonwealth and other relevant Bylaws of the Town of Burlington. This Bylaw shall not be applicable to projects for which a Determination of Applicability, Order of Conditions, Order of Resource Area Delineation or other permit under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act has been issued and is valid or if an application for one of the foregoing is pending at the effective date of this Bylaw. The Bylaw provisions in effect prior to the effective date of this Bylaw shall apply to a project for which such approval has been issued or for which such application is pending.

1.2 Jurisdiction

Except as permitted by the Conservation Commission no person shall remove, fill, dredge, build upon, degrade, discharge into, or otherwise alter the following resource areas as defined in the Burlington Wetland Bylaw Regulations: any freshwater wetlands; marshes; wet meadows; bogs; swamps; vernal pools; springs; banks;

reservoirs; lakes; ponds; beaches; lands under water bodies; lands subject to flooding by groundwater or surface water; or lands adjoining these resource areas out to a distance of 100 feet, known as the buffer zone. The Commission may establish performance standards for work within the buffer zone to protect the aforementioned resource areas, however, the buffer zone itself is not a resource area.

Except as permitted by the Conservation Commission, no person shall remove, fill, dredge, build upon, degrade, discharge into, or otherwise alter the following resource areas: streams; brooks; creeks; rivers; lands adjoining these waterways out to a distance of 200 feet, known as the riverfront area. Said 200-foot riverfront resource area shall apply to all streams shown on the map "Regulatory Streams of Burlington" to be adopted and incorporated in regulations, whether the stream is perennial or intermittent.

All said resource areas (collectively the "resource areas protected by this Bylaw") shall be protected whether or not they border surface waters.

1.3 Exemptions and Exceptions

The applications and permits required by this Bylaw shall not be required for work performed for normal maintenance or improvement of land in agricultural and aquacultural use as defined by the Wetlands Protection Act regulations at 310 CMR 10.04.

The applications and permits required by this Bylaw shall not be required for maintaining, repairing, or replacing, but not substantially changing or enlarging, an existing and lawfully located structure or facility used in the service of the public to provide electric, gas, water, telephone, telegraph, or other telecommunication services, provided that written notice has been given to the Conservation Commission prior to commencement of work, and provided that the work conforms to any performance standards and design specifications in regulations adopted by the Commission.

The applications and permits required by this Bylaw shall not be required for emergency projects necessary for the protection of the health and safety of the public, provided that the work is to be performed by or has been ordered to be performed by an agency of the Commonwealth or a political subdivision thereof; provided that advance notice, oral or written, has been given to the Commission prior to commencement of work or within 24 hours after commencement; provided that the Commission or its agent certifies the work as an emergency project; provided that the work is performed only for the time and place certified by the Commission for the limited purposes necessary to abate the emergency; and provided that within 21 days of commencement of an emergency project a permit application shall be filed with the Commission for review as provided by this Bylaw. Upon failure to meet these and other requirements of the Commission, the Commission may, after notice and a public hearing, revoke or modify an emergency project approval and order restoration and mitigation measures.

Other than stated in this Bylaw or in regulations adopted by the Commission, subsequent exemptions created under the Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. Ch. 131 §40) and regulations (310 CMR 10.00) shall not apply under this Bylaw.

1.4 Applications and Fees

A written permit application shall be filed with the Conservation Commission to perform activities with the potential to affect resource areas protected by this Bylaw. The Commission may accept digital electronic copies in lieu of paper copies. The permit application shall include such information and plans as are deemed necessary by the Commission to describe proposed activities and their effects on the resource areas protected by this Bylaw. No