

Town of Auburn, Massachusetts
Minutes of the Meeting
Conservation Commission
Auburn Town Hall Selectman's Meeting Room
Wednesday, April 14, 2021

Members Present: Michael Garland; Chairman

Members Participating Remotely: Michelle Culross, Patrick Cunningham and Nathan Rand.

Members Absent: Thomas Fallon; Vice Chair, Antonios Romniou & Alison Holmes.

Town of Auburn Staff Present: Caleb Moody; Building Commissioner, Darlene Coyle; DDIS Director & Ginger Buteau; Land Use Clerk.

Michael Garland, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:02pm. The Town cable staff was present, and the meeting was recorded. The meeting could be watched on the town's website live streaming.

Michael Garland, Chairman, stated that this Open Meeting of the Town of Auburn Conservation Commission is being conducted remotely, consistent with Governor Baker's Executive Order of March 12, 2020, which suspends the requirement of the Open Meeting Law to have all meetings in a publicly accessible physical location. Further, all members of public bodies are allowed and encouraged to participate remotely as long as reasonable public access is afforded so that the public can follow along with the deliberations of the meeting.

For the public to join the meeting remotely by telephone, call 1-408-650-3123 and enter Access Code 942-845-549. Or, the public can join via computer at <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/942845549>

All supporting materials that have been provided to members of this body are available on the Town's website. The public is encouraged to follow along using the posted agenda.

7:00 pm Applicant: Alliance Environmental Group Request to Amend Existing Order of Conditions for periodic on-site vehicle washing activities at 33 Sword Street in Auburn, MA Map 11 Parcel 07. Continued from 03/10/2021 & 03/24/2021

Michael Garland - Applicant requested to be continued to April 28th at 7:10pm.

Michelle Culross made a motion to continue the public hearing to April 28th at 7:10pm, **Nathan Rand** seconded it. All in favor, **4-0-0**.

Other Business

1. **476 Leicester St – Extend Order of Conditions**

Michael Garland – Talks about the request.

Patrick Cunningham made a motion to extend the Order of Conditions; **Nathan Rand** seconded it. All in favor, **4-0-0**.

7:10 pm Applicant: Eastland Partners for Notice of Intent to construct subdivision at 50 & 190 Washington Street in Auburn, MA Map 34 & 27 Parcel 4 & 14 Continued from 03/24/2021

Nathan Rand made a motion to open the public hearing; **Patrick Cunningham** seconded it. All in favor, **4-0-0**.

Steve O'Connell & Phil Coraccio - is present.

Steve O'Connell – talked about the report of Eco-Tech and the proposed plans.

Discussion between board members and Steve O'Connell.

No questions or comments from the public.

Steve O'Connell – requested a continuance.

Nathan Rand made a motion to approve to continue the public hearing to April 28th at 7:45pm; **Patrick Cunningham** seconded it. All in favor, **4-0-0**.

7:15 pm Applicant: TEC Associates for Request for Determination of Applicability for Vegetation control along the Providence and Worcester Railroad right-of-way in Auburn, MA

Michelle Culross made a motion to open the public hearing; **Patrick Cunningham** seconded it. All in favor, **4-0-0**.

Tom Lewis - is present on behalf of the applicant.

Tom Lewis – explained the proposed work.

Discussion between board members and Tom Lewis.

Michael Garland – Need to do a site visit.

Tom Lewis – Request to continue.

Michelle Culross made a motion to continue the public hearing to April 28th at 7:20pm; **Patrick Cunningham** seconded it. All in favor, **4-0-0**.

2. National Grid

Michael Garland – talked about the letter that was received.

Board members discussed the letter.

3. 498 Rochdale St - Follow up

Michael Garland – Talked about Updates.

4. **754 Washington St**

Michael Garland – talked about filing before the appeal period was complete.

Michael Andrade – Explained the situation.

Discussion between board members and Michael Andrade.

Complaints

1. **18 Sunrise Ave received a complaint of cutting in the wetlands.**

Michael Garland – Talked about situation.

2. **23 Boyce St. DEP received a complaint about tree cutting.**

Michael Garland – Needs a site visit.

3. **208 South St complaint of tree cutting.**

Michael Garland – Needs a site visit.

Michael Garland – Expressed thoughts of adding a condition to wait until after the appeal period to file the Order of Condition.

Board members talked about the idea.

7:55 PM Michelle Culross motioned to adjourn, **Nathan Rand** seconded it. All in favor, **4-0-0**.

Respectfully submitted,
Ginger Buteau

APPROVED ON July 28, 2021