

**Town of Auburn, Massachusetts**  
**Minutes of the Meeting**  
**Conservation Commission**  
**Auburn Town Hall Selectman's Meeting Room**  
**Wednesday, April 28, 2021**

**Members Present:** Michael Garland; Chairman and Thomas Fallon; Vice Chair

**Members Participating Remotely:** Alison Holmes and Patrick Cunningham.

**Absent:** Michelle Culross, Antonios Romniou and Nathan Rand

**Town of Auburn Staff Present:** Caleb Moody; Building Commissioner, Ginger Buteau; Land Use Clerk.

**Michael Garland**, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:01pm. 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: Paul Letourneau Request for Determination of Applicability** to cut a tree down at 197 Rochdale Street in Auburn, MA Map 30 Parcel 46.

**Thomas Fallon** made a motion to open the public hearing; **Alison Holmes** seconded it. All in favor, **4-0-0**.

**Paul Letourneau** – is present.

**Paul Letourneau** – explained project.

Discussion between board members and applicant.

**Michael Garland** – need a site visit.

**Paul Letourneau** – requested to continue.

**Thomas Fallon** made a motion to approve to continue the public hearing to May 12<sup>th</sup> 7pm; **Alison Holmes** seconded it. All in favor, **4-0-0**.

**7:05 pm Applicant: Robin White Request for Determination of Applicability** to cut a tree down at 32 Perry Street in Auburn, MA Map 18 Parcel 18.

**Thomas Fallon** made a motion to open the public hearing; **Alison Holmes** seconded it. All in favor, **4-0-0**.

**Charlie Murphy** – is present on behalf of the applicant.

Discussion between board members and applicant.

**Thomas Fallon** made a motion to close the public hearing; **Patrick Cunningham** seconded it. All in favor, **4-0-0**.

**7:10 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 & 04/14/2021

**Michael Garland** – applicant asked to continue the public hearing to May 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:05pm.

**7:20 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 Continued from 04/14/2021

**Michael Garland** – applicant asked to continue the public hearing to May 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:10pm.

#### Complaint:

1. **208 South St complaint of tree cutting.**

**Michael Garland** – Talked about site visit.

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

**Michael Garland** – Talked about site visit.

Discussion between board members about wall that was found.

**Thomas Fallon** made a motion to send a letter; **Alison Holmes** seconded it. All in favor, **4-0-0**.

3. **18 Sunrise Ave received a complaint of cutting in the wetlands.**

**Michael Garland** – No one present to represent. Remove from agenda.

#### Other Business

1. **National Grid Notice of Utility Maintenance**

**Michael Garland** – talked about letter received.

2. **498 Rochdale St - Follow up**

**Michael Garland** - talked about current situation.

## Meeting Minutes: October 28, 2020

**Thomas Fallon** made a motion to approve the minutes for October 28, 2020; **Alison Holmes** seconded it. All in favor, **4-0-0**.

**Thomas Fallon** made a motion to recess to 7:45pm; **Alison Holmes** seconded it. All in favor, **4-0-0**.

**Thomas Fallon** made a motion to resume; **Alison Holmes** seconded it. All in favor, **4-0-0**.

**7:45 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 & 04/14/2021

**Thomas Fallon** made a motion to open the public hearing; **Alison Holmes** seconded it. All in favor, **4-0-0**.

**Steve O'Connell – Turning Point Engineering, Phil Coraccio – Eastland Partners & Art Allen - Ecotech** – is present on behalf of the applicant.

**Art Allen** – discussed his findings.

Discussion between board members and Art Allen.

No public comment or questions.

**Steve O'Connell** – discussed project.

**Michael Garland** – talked about site visit.

Discussion between board members and Steve O'Connell.

**Steve O'Connell** – Request to continue to May 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:10pm.

Discussion between board members and applicant.

No public comment or questions.

**Steve O'Connell** – requested a continuance.

**Thomas Fallon** made a motion to approve to continue the public hearing to May 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:15pm; **Alison Holmes** seconded it. All in favor, **4-0-0**.

## Decisions

### **32 Perry Street – Request for Determination of Applicability**

**Thomas Fallon** made a motion to issue a negative Determination; **Alison Holmes** seconded it. All in favor, **4-0-0**.

**50 & 190 Washington Street**

**Thomas Fallon** made a motion to issue an Enforcement Order; **Patrick Cunningham** seconded it. Discussion between board members. All in favor, **4-0-0**.

**8:22 PM Thomas Fallon** motioned to adjourn, **Alison Holmes** seconded it. All in favor, **4-0-0**.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ginger Buteau

**APPROVED ON June 23, 2021**