

Town of Auburn, Massachusetts
Minutes of the Meeting
Conservation Commission
Auburn Town Hall Selectman's Meeting Room
Wednesday, May 12, 2021

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

Members Participating Remotely: Nathan Rand, Alison Holmes and Patrick Cunningham.

Absent: Michelle Culross and Antonios Romniou

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. Continued from 04/28/2021

Thomas Fallon made a motion to open the public hearing; **Alison Holmes** seconded it. All in favor, **5-0-0**.

Paul Letourneau – is present.

Michael Garland – explained site visit.

No questions or comments from the board members or the public.

Thomas Fallon made a motion to close the public hearing; **Patrick Cunningham** seconded it. All in favor, **5-0-0**.

7:05 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 & 04/28/21

Michael Garland – applicant asked to continue the public hearing to May 25th at 7:00pm.

7:10 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 & 04/28/2021

Tom Lewis - is present on behalf of the applicant.

Michael Garland – talked about site visit.

Discussion between board members about visit.

Thomas Fallon made a motion to close the public hearing; **Nathan Rand** seconded it. All in favor, **5-0-0**.

7:15 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

Michael Garland – applicant asked to continue the public hearing to May 25th at 7:15pm.

Other Business:

1. Pondville, Eddy & Auburn Ponds – Request for Extension on OOC

Michael Garland – talked about request.

Thomas Fallon made a motion to issue the Extension; **Patrick Cunningham** seconded it. All in favor, **5-0-0**.

2. 23 Boyce St – Complaint about tree cutting.

Discussion between board members.

Thomas Fallon made a motion to issue an enforcement order; **Alison Holmes** seconded it. All in favor, **5-0-0**.

3. 498 Rochdale St - Follow up

Michael Garland - talked about current situation.

Complaint:

1. Trails around Dark Brook Pond

Michael Garland – Talked about email.

Discussion between board members.

Meeting Minutes:

11/18/20

Thomas Fallon made a motion to approve the minutes for November 18, 2020; **Alison Holmes** seconded it. All in favor, **5-0-0**.

1/13/21

Thomas Fallon made a motion to approve the minutes for January 13, 2021; **Nathan Holmes** seconded it. All in favor, **4 Approve-0 Deny-1 Abstain (motion does pass 4 votes of 7 member board is required)**.

1/27/21

Michael Garland – had a suggestion for correction.

Thomas Fallon made a motion to approve the minutes with correction for January 27, 2021; **Nathan Rand** seconded it. All in favor, **5-0-0**.

Decisions

197 Rochdale Street – Request for Determination of Applicability

Thomas Fallon made a motion to issue a Negative Determination; **Patrick Cunningham** seconded it. All in favor, **5-0-0**.

Providence & Worcester Railroad right-of-way – Request for Determination of Applicability

Thomas Fallon made a motion to issue a Negative Determination; **Patrick Cunningham** seconded it. All in favor, **5-0-0**.

7:47 PM Thomas Fallon motioned to adjourn, **Alison Holmes** seconded it. All in favor, **5-0-0**.

Respectfully submitted,
Ginger Buteau

APPROVED ON June 9, 2021