

**Town of Auburn, Massachusetts**  
**Minutes of the Meeting**  
**Conservation Commission**  
**Auburn Town Hall Selectman's Meeting Room**  
**Wednesday, May 26, 2021**

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

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

**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: 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 & 05/12/21

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

**Tom Hevner** is present.

**Tom Hevner** explained new plans.

Discussion between board members and applicant.

**Mark Arnold – Representing 31 Sword St-** Had a couple comments.

Discussion between board members and applicant.

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

**7:05 pm Applicant: Massachusetts Electric Company for Notice of Intent** for installation of new utility poles at Leicester Street and Rochdale Street in Auburn, MA

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

**Heidi Graf – BCS Group, Inc.** – present on behalf of applicant.

**Heidi Graf** – explained the proposed work.

Discussion between board members and applicant.

**Ellen Ethier – 404 Leicester St** – Had a couple questions for applicant.

Discussion between Ellen Ethier and applicant.

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

**7:10 pm Applicant: Kevin Javier for Request for Determination of Applicability** for installing a fence at 9 Rockwell Street in Auburn, MA Map 05 Parcel 182

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

**Kevin Javier** - is present.

**Kevin Javier** – talked about proposed plan.

Discussion between board members, Building Commissioner and applicant.

**Kevin Javier** – request to continue.

**Thomas Fallon** made a motion to continue the public hearing to June 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm; **Alison Holmes** 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

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

**Steve O’Connell – Turning Point Engineering** – is present on behalf of applicant.

**Steve O’Connell** – explained the new plans.

**Michael Garland** – site walk June 5<sup>th</sup> 9am.

**Steve O’Connell** – would like to continue.

**Thomas Fallon** made a motion to continue the hearing to June 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:05pm; **Alison Holmes** seconded it. All in favor, **5-0-0**.

## Other Business:

### 1. **23 Boyce St – Wooden wall along stream**

**Magda Rodriguez** – talked about the wooden wall.

Discussion between the board members and homeowners.

### 2. **Pakachoag Golf Course Irrigation Pond.**

Discussion about what they looking to do and if they have to file.

### 3. **Pinrock Road Sewage Force main Project – Pre-Construction Meeting**

Discussion about meeting.

### 4. **Open Space & Recreation Plan Update**

Discussion about meeting.

### 5. **498 Rochdale St - Follow up**

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

## Complaint:

### 1. **Trails around Dark Brook Pond**

Discussion between board members.

### 2. **105 Boyce St – Dumping in stream**

Discussion between board members.

### 3. **25 Sunrise Ave – Cutting trees**

Discussion between board members and Building Commissioner.

## Meeting Minutes:

### 09/23/20

**Thomas Fallon** made a motion to approve the minutes for September 23, 2020; **Nathan Rand** seconded it. All in favor, **4 Approve-0 Deny-1 Abstain (motion does pass 4 votes of 7 member board is required)**.

### 12/09/20

**Thomas Fallon** made a motion to approve the minutes for December 9, 2020; **Alison Holmes** seconded it. All in favor, **5-0-0**.

02/10/21

**Nathan Rand** made a motion to approve the minutes with correction for February 10, 2021; **Thomas Fallon** seconded it. All in favor, **4 Approve-0 Deny-1 Abstain (motion does pass 4 votes of 7 member board is required)**.

03/10/21

**Thomas Fallon** – had a suggestion for correction.

**Thomas Fallon** made a motion to approve the minutes with correction for March 10, 2021; **Nathan Rand** seconded it. All in favor, **4 Approve-0 Deny-1 Abstain (motion does pass 4 votes of 7 member board is required)**.

03/24/21

**Michael Garland** – had a suggestion for correction.

**Thomas Fallon** made a motion to approve the minutes with correction for March 24, 2021; **Patrick Cunningham** seconded it. All in favor, **5-0-0**.

04/14/21

**Michael Garland** – Defer any action to next meeting.

04/28/21

**Michael Garland** – had a suggestion for correction.

**Michael Garland** – Defer any action to next meeting.

05/12/21

**Michael Garland** – Defer any action to next meeting.

Decisions

**33 Sword St – Amend Order of Conditions**

Discussion between board members.

**Thomas Fallon** made a motion to send a letter as described; **Alison Holmes** seconded it. All in favor, **5-0-0**.

**Massachusetts Electric Company – Notice of Intent**

Discussion between board members.

**Alison Holmes** made a motion to issue a standard order plus special conditions 1, 3, 5, 8 & 14; **Thomas Fallon**

seconded it. All in favor, **5-0-0**.

**8:47 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**