



Town of Auburn, Massachusetts

Minutes of the Meeting

Zoning Board of Appeals

Thursday, March 16, 2023 – 6:00pm

Members Participating On-Site: Robert Tatro, Chairman, Michael Marin, Vice Chair, Megan Roche, Katelyn Bushe, Ryan Garabedian

Members Participating Remotely: None

Town of Auburn Staff Present: Caleb Moody, Building Commissioner; Tim Pratt, DDIS Clerk

Robert Tatro, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. The Town cable staff was present and the meeting was recorded. The meeting could be watched on the town's website live streaming.

Robert Tatro, Chairman, stated that this Open Meeting of the Town of Auburn Zoning Board of Appeals is being operated as a hybrid format under Chapter 107 of the Acts of 2022.

The public can join the meeting remotely by telephone 1-(646)-749-3112 and Access Code 944-571-349.

Or join by computer by visiting <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/944571349>.

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.

6:00 PM Applicant Jeffrey Erickson requesting a Special Permit under Section 3.9.1.2 of the Auburn Zoning Bylaw for a home occupation located at 5 Sherman Avenue.

Michael Marin motioned to open the public hearing; **Meghan Roche** seconded it. All in favor, **5-0-0**.

The applicant explained the application.

Sarah Libby of 9 Sherman Ave inquired remotely about the type of business that was going to be run at 5 Sherman Ave.

Michael Marin asked the applicant if he would be making any modifications to his home and what business would be conducted out of the home.

The applicant stated that no modifications would be made and the only business being conducted at his home would be bookkeeping and occasional storage of water heaters.

Michael Marin asked the applicant how many water heaters would be stored and how long would they remain until being disposed of.

The applicant stated that they would be picked up 3 days a week and if they are picked up 3 days a week there should be no more than 5-10 at a time stored at the end of the driveway.

Michael Marin expressed concern over the storage of the water heaters.

Megan Roche made a motion to approve the special permit with the standard conditions plus the condition that any water heaters are stored out of sight from the road until morning of pickup. **Katelyn Bushe** seconded the motion. **In favor 4-0-1**

Megan Roche made a motion to close the hearing. **Michael Marin** seconded the motion. All in favor, **5-0-0**.

6:05 PM Applicant Chelsea Chesna requesting a Special Permit under Section 3.9.1.2 of the Auburn Zoning Bylaw for a home occupation located at 3 Jay Street.

Michael Marin made a motion to open the hearing. **Megan Roche** seconded the motion. All in favor, **5-0-0**.

Denise Latino from 5 Jay Street expressed concerns over traffic and where customers would be parking.

The board inquired about disposal of waste and what equipment would be brought in to start the business.

Michael Marin made a motion to close the hearing. **Megan Roche** seconded the motion. All in favor, **5-0-0**.

Michael Marin made a motion to approve the special permit with the standard conditions plus the condition that there is no on street parking. **Katelyn Bushe** seconded the motion. All in favor, **5-0-0**.

1 Henshaw Street, 12 Month extension request

The applicant and the board had a discussion regarding the timing of this extension and when the last extension was granted.

Michael Marin made a motion to approve the extension. **Megan Roche** seconded the motion.

Michael Marin motioned to approve the minutes from the 07/21/22 hearing; **Megan Roche** seconded it. All in favor, **5-0-0**.

Michael Marin motioned to approve the minutes from the 09/15/22 hearing; **Megan Roche** seconded it. All in favor, **5-0-0**.

Michael Marin motioned to approve the minutes from the 10/20/22 hearing; **Katelyn Bushe** seconded it. All in favor, **5-0-0**.

Michael Marin motioned to approve the minutes from the 11/17/22 hearing; **Megan Roche** seconded it. All in favor, **5-0-0**.

Michael Marin motioned to approve the minutes from the 01/19/22 hearing; **Ryan Garabedian** seconded it. All in favor, **5-0-0**.

Michael Marin motioned to adjourn; **Megan Roche** seconded it. All in favor, **5-0-0**.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy J. Pratt

Approved on 04/20/23