

Town of Auburn, Massachusetts

Minutes of the Meeting

Conservation Commission

Hybrid Meeting

Wednesday, March 22nd, 2023

Members Present in Person: Michael Garland; Chairman, Michelle Culross, Patrick Cunningham, Chris Carey, Meghan Langley, Katherine Nordborg

Members Present Remotely:

Members Absent: Thomas Fallon; Vice Chair

Town of Auburn Staff Present: Jesse Averka, Caleb Moody

Michael Garland, Chairman, called the meeting to order. 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 in a hybrid format. 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: Nordic Industrial Properties LLC c/o Fuller's Collision Center for Notice of Intent for the property at 12-14 Sword Street for construction of a commercial building, addition to an existing building, parking lot expansion as well as all associated utilities.

Michelle Culross made a motion to open the hearing. **Patrick Cunningham** seconded the motion.

All in favor 6-0-0

Ronald Mendez from Graves Engineering is present in person.

Ronald Mendez had a discussion with the commission about the alternatives analysis that was previously submitted. Michael Garland raised concerns over granting the waiver to perform work in the no build zone. Michelle Culross raised concerns over how to deal with the existing culvert at the site.

Michelle Culross made a motion to continue the hearing to the next meeting on April 12th, 2023. **Katherine Nordborg** seconded the motion

All in favor 6-0-0

7:05 PM Applicant: Levesque Geomatics Inc. for Notice of Intent for the property at 23 Brook Street for proposed hardscaping project including a retaining wall, paver patio, planting beds and lawn area.

Michelle Culross made a motion to open the hearing. **Katherine Nordborg** seconded the motion.

All in favor 6-0-0

Joe Levesque from Levesque Geomatics Inc. is present in person.

Joe Levesque had a discussion with the commission about the dimensions included on the as-built plan. **Michelle Culross** raised concerns over work being done without approval of the commission which contributed to damage in the abutting neighbor's yard. The commission suggested reestablishing the silt fence to prevent further damage to the neighbor's yard. The commission agreed to keep the enforcement order in place for the time being.

Patrick Cunningham made a motion to close the hearing. **Michelle Culross** seconded the motion.

All in favor 6-0-0

7:10 PM Applicant: Marc and Meghan McCrillis for Request for Determination of Applicability for the property at 12 Sunnyside Road for the installation of an inground pool within the buffer zone of an isolated vegetated wetland.

Michelle Culross made a motion to open the hearing. **Katherine Nordborg** seconded the motion.

All in favor 6-0-0

Glenn Krevosky and Megan McCrillis are present in person regarding the project at 12 Sunnyside Rd.

The commission had no questions due to the site walk conducted the prior weekend.

Michelle Culross made a motion to close the hearing. **Katherine Nordborg** seconded the motion.

All in favor 6-0-0

7:15 PM Applicant: JBG Investments LLC for Notice of Intent for the property at 5 Sunrise Avenue for a septic system repair leach field outside of the buffer zone with the 1,000-gallon pump chamber within the buffer zone and to install a well and waterline from the well to the house.

The applicant had a discussion with the commission about the efforts made to cleanup the property and remove trash from the wetland. The applicant stated that the only change to the lot would be the installation of the septic system. No addition to the house would be made.

Patrick Cunningham asked the applicant about the plans to seed and stabilize the property. The applicant stated that it would be stabilized contingent on the weather but certainly in the coming months.

Michelle Culross made a motion to close the hearing. **Katherine Nordborg** seconded the motion.

All in favor 6-0-0

Other Business

Route 20 Project (50 and 190 Washington St.)

Michael Garland stated that the order of conditions had no stipulation requiring the applicant to notify the commission of the clearing that was performed. Therefore, the applicant was acting in accordance with the order of conditions.

Project Change for 54 Prospect St.

Glenn Krevosky explained the project change and the new telephone pole locations to the commission. The commission stated that they would keep a copy of this newly submitted plan with the old application and send a letter acknowledging that this is an insignificant project change and does not require another filing.

Katherine Nordborg made a motion to send a letter acknowledging that this is an insignificant project change. **Michelle Culross** seconded the motion.

All in favor 6-0-0

Decisions

Marc and Meghan McCrillis for Request for Determination of Applicability for the property at 12 Sunnyside Road for the installation of an inground pool within the buffer zone of an isolated vegetated wetland.

Patrick Cunningham made a motion to issue a negative determination of applicability. **Michelle Culross** seconded the motion.

All in favor 6-0-0

Levesque Geomatics Inc. for Notice of Intent for the property at 23 Brook Street for proposed hardscaping project including a retaining wall, paver patio, planting beds and lawn area.

The commission agreed to defer issuing an order of conditions until the next meeting on April 12th, 2023.

JBG Investments LLC for Notice of Intent for the property at 5 Sunrise Avenue for a septic system repair leach field outside of the buffer zone with the 1,000-gallon pump chamber within the buffer zone and to install a well and waterline from the well to the house.

Patrick Cunningham made a motion to issue a standard order of conditions plus the special conditions 1,2,3,5,8, 9, and 11. **Michelle Culross** seconded the motion.

All in favor 6-0-0

Michelle Culross made a motion to amend the conditions to include a provision to monitor for runoff patterns for an extended period of time.

Michelle Culross made a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Katherine Nordborg** seconded the motion.

All in favor 6-0-0

Respectfully submitted,
Jesse Averka

Approved on 6/28/2023

