

Town of Auburn, Massachusetts

Minutes of the Meeting

Conservation Commission

Hybrid Meeting

Wednesday, June 28th, 2023

Members Present in Person: Thomas Fallon; Vice Chair, Chris Carey, Katherine Nordborg, Michelle Culross, Meghan Langley

Members Present Remotely:

Members Absent: Michael Garland

Town of Auburn Staff Present: Jesse Averka

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: BSC Group for Notice of Intent for the property at 369 Southbridge St. for construction of a walking path between the Auburn Public Library and Goddard Park.

Matt Burne of BSC Group is present remotely via webcam.

The commission had a discussion with Matt about the review that EcoTec had submitted regarding this project.

Meghan Langley asked if there was a possibility of formalizing including some of EcoTec's suggestions in the plan. **Matt Burne** stated that he would need to have discussions with the Department of Public Works but that he felt the recommendations were good ideas. **Matt Burne** also mentioned that the job is set to go back out to bid, so they are already delayed as far as a project start date. **Matt Burne** then asked for a continuance so he could talk with DPW and get some official response.

Michelle Culross made a motion to continue the hearing to July 12th. **Katherine Nordborg** seconded the motion.

All in favor 5-0-0

7:05 PM Applicant: Michelle Weagle for Determination of Applicability for the property at 73 Shore Drive to install natural gas plastic pipe in the existing paved roadway and applicant's property using the open trench method.

Michelle Weagle of 73 Shore Drive is present in person.

The commission had a discussion with **Michelle Weagle** about the proximity of the work to the wetland on her property and determined that the work will just barely encroach on the 100ft wetland buffer.

Michelle Culross made a motion to close the hearing. **Chris Carey** seconded the motion.

All in favor 5-0-0

Other Business

Certificate of Compliance for 10 Commonwealth Ave (8 Commonwealth Ave, Lot 2)

Glenn Krevosky is present in person.

Thomas Fallon mentioned that the commission had visited the site the prior weekend and saw that the work was completed in compliance with the plan that was submitted.

Meghan Langley made a motion to issue a certificate of compliance for 10 Commonwealth Ave. **Chris Carey** seconded the motion.

All in favor 5-0-0

Solitude Lake Management extension for MADEP File # 098-0670

Michelle Culross made a motion to issue an extension to Solitude Lake Management regarding MADEP File # 098-0670. **Katherine Nordborg** seconded the motion.

All in favor 5-0-0

9 St. Mark St. (Drainage Change to approved order of conditions)

Robert Lussier from CMG Environmental is present in person.

The commission had a discussion with **Robert Lussier** regarding the proposed change to their initial drainage plan. The commission planned a site visit for Saturday July 8th to inspect the proposed change. **Robert Lussier** also mentioned that Graves Engineering is working on a peer review for the project and when that is completed, he will submit it to the commission.

Eversource Sword St. Gas Main Install

Dorothy Lawrence is present remotely via webcam. **Dorothy Lawrence** explained what the scope of work for the gas main install would be and asked the commission if a notification of work would suffice for this project.

Katherine Nordborg made a motion to accept a notification of work for the project. **Michelle Culross** seconded the motion.

All in favor 5-0-0

Issuances

7:05 PM Applicant: Michelle Weagle for Determination of Applicability for the property at 73 Shore Drive

Chris Carey made a motion to issue a negative determination of applicability for 73 Shore Drive. **Michelle Culross** seconded the motion.

All in favor 5-0-0

Minutes

Michelle Culross made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from 3/22/2023. **Katherine Nordborg** seconded the motion.

4 approve, 1 abstain (6 were present at meeting)

Michelle Culross made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from 5/24/2023. **Katherine Nordborg** seconded the motion.

4 approve, 1 abstain (6 were present at meeting)

Michelle Culross made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from 6/14/2023. **Katherine Nordborg** seconded the motion.

5 approve, 0 abstain (7 were present at meeting)

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

All in favor 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,
Jesse Averka

Approved on 7/26/23