

Town of Auburn, Massachusetts

Minutes of the Meeting

Conservation Commission

Hybrid Meeting

Wednesday, August 9th, 2023

Members Present in Person: Michael Garland; Chairman, Thomas Fallon; Vice Chair, Meghan Langley, Michelle Culross

Members Present Remotely:

Members Absent: Katherine Nordborg, Chris Carey

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.

Other Business

Certificate of Compliance for 17 Willis St.

Michael Garland stated that he and **Thomas Fallon** had gone out and visited the site and other than a washout area there were no issues on the site. **Michael Garland** also stated that the work completed at the site appeared to be in compliance with the Notice of Intent.

Thomas Fallon made a motion to issue a Certificate of Compliance for 17 Willis St. **Michelle Culross** seconded the motion.

All in favor 4-0-0

10 Auburn Hill Road

Michael Garland stated that due to a personal relationship with the owner of this property he would be recusing himself from the discussion.

Thomas Fallon stated that he and **Jesse Averka** had visited the site and there were no wetland issues at the site. He elaborated that the site was stable and grown in adequately.

Michelle Culross made a motion to issue a Certificate of Compliance for 17 Willis St. **Meghan Langley** seconded the motion.

All in favor 3-0-0

Ian Starinovich is present in person regarding a project he will be undertaking at 260 Bryn Mawr Ave.

Michael Garland advised **Ian Starinovich** that the commission does not give advisory opinions. Michael Garland then explained that the next step would be to file a Request for Determination of Applicability or a Notice of Intent depending on what is included in the proposal.

25 Vinyl St. Enforcement Order

Michael Garland stated that **Jesse Averka** had sent him pictures earlier in the week of a project going on at 25 Vinyl St. Much of the land had been cleared and there were wetlands running adjacent to the property. This work had been completed without any filing being made with the commission. In response to this **Michael Garland** had authorized the issuance of an enforcement order on the property, stopping work until a filing had been made with the commission.

Thomas Fallon made a motion to ratify the issuance of the enforcement order. **Michelle Culross** seconded the motion.

All in favor 4-0-0

282 Southbridge St.

Jesse Averka showed the commission pictures of the unpermitted work being done at 282 Southbridge St. **Michael Garland** suggested contacting the owner of the property and making sure that he was not notified of the work that was to be done there. **Michael Garland** also suggested potentially issuing an enforcement order to the contractor doing the work and the owner of the property. In the end **Michael Garland** suggested contacting the property owner and National Grid to get more information about what was taking place at this property.

Minutes

Thomas Fallon made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from 7/26/2023 as amended. **Michelle Culross** seconded the motion.

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

Thomas Fallon made a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Michelle Culross** seconded the motion.

All in favor 4-0-0

Respectfully submitted,
Jesse Averka

Approved on 8/23/2023

