

**Town of Auburn, Massachusetts**

**Minutes of the Meeting**

**Conservation Commission**

**Hybrid Meeting**

**Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Members Present in Person:** Michael Garland; Chairman, Michelle Culross, Katherine Nordborg, Chris Carey

**Members Present Remotely:** Meghan Langley

**Members Absent:** Thomas Fallon; Vice Chair

**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.

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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: Steven Gigante for Determination of Applicability for the property at 25 Shore Drive to install natural gas plastic pipe in the existing paved roadway and applicant's property using the open trench method. Map 5 Parcel 23**

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

**All in favor 5-0-0**

**Steven Gigante is present in person.**

The commission reviewed the map that Eversource had submitted. **Michael Garland** asked about the duration of the project. The material provided stated that the work would be limited to that that could be completed in one day. Michael Garland also raised concerns over materials left behind after the completion of the project. **Steven Gigante** stated that he believed Eversource would be taking all excess material with them but if any were left behind, he would accept the responsibility of properly disposing of these materials. **Katherine Nordborg** asked about the topography of the area but after reviewing the online resources the commission found that the property is mostly flat.

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

**All in favor 5-0-0**

**7:05 PM Applicant: Andrew Mahlert for Notice of Intent for the property at 7 Marion Ave to install pipe for new water service. Map 49 Parcel 102**

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

**All in favor 5-0-0**

**Andrew Mahlert is present in person.**

**Michael Garland** explained to Andrew Mahlert that this submission was missing multiple pieces. There was no engineer plan submitted, the wetland fee transmittal form had not been completed, and no DEP number had been issued. He also explained that even with everything else submitted a DEP file number is needed before the commission can issue a decision.

**Michelle Culross** made a motion to continue the hearing to the next meeting on October 11<sup>th</sup>. **Chris Carey** seconded the motion.

**All in favor 5-0-0**

#### Other Business

##### **Certificate of Compliance for 54 Prospect St.**

**Kevin Quinn and Glenn Krevosky** are present in person.

**Michael Garland** asked why deviations were made from the plan that was originally submitted to the commission.

**Glenn Krevosky** stated that the contractor told him he never looked at the plan. **Kevin Quinn** stated that in his 10-year flood plan calculations the deviations made would not cause any major issues and that he had not made 25-year calculations. The commission planned to conduct a site visit before the next meeting and address these issues in person.

##### **Certificate of Compliance for 65 Chestnut Avenue**

The commission planned to visit this site the following Saturday and review the As-Built plan

##### **Certificate of Compliance for 410/411 Leicester St.**

The commission planned to visit these sites the following Saturday and review the As-Built plans

##### **16 George St Cease and Desist**

**Jesse Averka** informed the commission that the pile of wood chips had been moved back from the wetland, yet it remained on the property. **Jesse Averka** stated he would reach out to Skyhook and ask them to remove the pile entirely.

## **25 Vinal St**

The commission agreed that a letter should be sent to the owner of the property notifying them that until they file with the commission the cease and desist will remain active in their property.

## **282 Southbridge St.**

Meghan Langley provided the other members with a notification letter she had received from National Grid that stated they may be placing timber mats on easements they have as part of a maintenance plan.

## Minutes

**Katherine Nordborg** made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023. **Michelle Culross** seconded the motion.

4 Approve, 1 abstain, 5 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 10/25/2023**