

**Town of Auburn, Massachusetts**  
**Minutes of the Meeting**  
**Conservation Commission**  
**Auburn Town Hall Planning Board Room**  
**Wednesday January 08, 2020**

**In attendance:** Michael Garland, Chairman; Thomas Fallon, Vice Chair, Carolyn J. Corriveau, Nathan Rand, Alison Holmes, Michelle Culross, Antonios Romniou

**Absent:** None

**7:00PM Michael Garland called meeting to order.** The Town cable staff was present and the meeting was recorded live. No other attendee was recording the meeting.

**7:00PM Applicant Justin Stelmok, Request for Determination of Applicability to remove three large dead oak trees from property located at 23 Pinrock Road Auburn, MA 01501 Map 28 Parcel 45.** Vice chairman, Thomas Fallon, made a motion to open the public hearing, second by Carolyn Corriveau. The vote was unanimous. Chairman, Michael Garland began the discussion by explaining the site visit completed with Thomas Fallon on Saturday, January 4, 2020. Mr. Garland stated that he had no concerns with the removal of the oak trees and that they appeared to be dead. Applicant, Justin Stelmok, confirmed that he will be working with Advantage Enterprise to remove the trees, cutting them down to stumps at ground level. Mr. Stelmok also stated that he intends on beginning the work as soon as possible. There were no questions or concerns from the Conservation board members or the audience. Thomas Fallon made a motion to close the public hearing, second by Michelle Culross. The vote was unanimous.

**7:02PM Carolyn Corriveau made a motion to accept the minutes of December 11, 2019.** This was second by Antonios Romniou.

**7:05PM Applicant Matt Hopkinson, Notice of Intent for the replacement of Bridge A-17-046 to accommodate a revised lane configuration of two 12ft lanes in the southbound direction and one 16ft lane in the northbound direction, located at the I-90 Interchange 10 Ramp in Auburn, MA 01501.** Thomas Fallon made a motion to open the public hearing, second by Antonios Romniou. The vote was unanimous. Present to represent the applicant was environmental reviewer David Goldstein from MASS DOT, and MASS DOT consultants Paul Smith and Samantha Hogan. Mr. Smith explained that the current bridge presents several existing issues, including being structurally inefficient, functionally obsolete, only having one lane in each direction, as well as poor yield conditions that often lead to traffic backups and congestion. Project goals for this site are to provide operational improvements for I-90 off ramps, as well as to improve yield conditions for one of the lanes along route 12. Mr. Smith then reviewed all storm water management plans which all revolve around keeping any new drainage configuration as close to the existing one as possible. Mr. Smith then explained all plans to mitigate the loss of bordering vegetated wetlands through the construction of several restoration areas within all impacted wetland areas. The Conservation board asked Mr. Smith how long this project might take to complete. Mr. Smith confirmed that the estimated construction time is two years as all construction will have to take place in phases to prevent any possible traffic congestion or back up. Estimated start date would be nine months after ad date. Due to the application not having a DEP file number yet, the public hearing will be continued to the January 22, 2020 Conservation meeting. Thomas Fallon made a motion to continue to January 22, 2020, second by Michelle Culross. The vote was unanimous.

**7:25PM Washburn Commercial Properties, Enforcement Order to cease all unpermitted snow dumping located at 505 Washington Street in Auburn, MA.** Thomas Fallon made a motion to open the public hearing, second by Antonios Romniou. The vote was unanimous. Present for the hearing was Paul Gerard of 104 South Street and his wife who discussed all actions taken over the past 15-20 years to cease snow dumping on their property from Fuller Automotive. Present to represent Fuller Automotive was the sister to current owners, Kerry Cunningham. Mrs. Cunningham explained that while she is not entirely aware of the history behind this issue, she was present to collect any ideas or suggestions from the board on how to resolve the continuing problem. Mr. Gerard confirmed that the property lines for this location have been established repeatedly, yet snow still remains to be dumped onto his private property. The size of the current snow pile on Mr. Gerard's property remains about 35ft tall. Along with snow, automobile parts such as car

hoods, have also been pushed into Mr. Gerard's property. The board reviewed several pictures taken by building inspector, Gary Allard, as well as by Mr. and Mrs. Gerard, clearly showing snow and a car hood on his property. Mr. Gerard stressed the importance of removing snow not only from his property, but also from surrounding wetlands affected from the unpermitted snow dumping by Fuller Automotive. Mr. Garland addressed Mrs. Cunningham and explained that if the unpermitted snow dumping continues any further, the board will exercise their jurisdiction to issue fines against Fuller Automotive. Mr. Garland explained that all snow must be removed from the property located at 104 South Street without the use of any heavy machinery that could potentially harm existing wetlands. Mr. Garland stated that he will issue a letter to Fuller Automotive, outlining all demands and potential fines for the continued unpermitted snow dumping.

**7:36PM** Applicant Rebecca Sharp from SAI Group, requesting a Certificate of Compliance for EV charging stations located at 385 Southbridge Street Auburn, MA. Mr. Garland opened the discussion by explaining a recent site visit completed prior to the meeting. Mr. Garland explained that all but one of the arborvitae trees planted at this site are dead and that a Certificate of Compliance cannot be issued until this is resolved. Mr. Garland suggested sending a letter to Mrs. Sharp requesting all trees be replanted. Thomas Fallon made a motion to issue the letter to Mrs. Sharp, second by Carolyn Corriveau. The vote was unanimous.

**7:38PM** Applicant Anthony Benvenuti, requesting a Certificate of Compliance for 795 Oxford Street South in Auburn, MA. Vice chairman, Thomas Fallon, opened the discussion by reviewing his most recent site visit to this location. Mr. Fallon reviewed the garage addition under the main part of the house, as well as an added deck in the back yard of the property. Grass seed has been planted at this site and Mr. Fallon confirmed that he believes all work done is in compliance to the Order of Conditions issued. Construction did not encroach on the 25ft no-build zone. Thomas Fallon made a motion to issue the Certificate of Compliance, second by Carolyn Corriveau. The vote was unanimous.

**7:42PM** Applicant Scott Goddard of Goddard Consulting requesting a Certificate of Compliance for a Fall 2019 Monitoring Report located at 31 Sword Street. Mr. Garland opened the discussion by reviewing a recent site visit completed prior to the meeting, dated January 4, 2020. Mr. Garland presented photographs of the property, clearly showing trash on site and explained that a Certificate of Compliance cannot be issued until the trash is cleared from the property. Michelle Culross made a motion to issue a letter to Mr. Goddard with the request, second by Carolyn Corriveau. The vote was unanimous.

**7:44PM** Applicant Andrea Desilets Agostino, Principal Environmental Scientist, Utility Maintenance Activities for E5/F6 Transmission Line Right of Way in Auburn, MA. Present as a representative for this was Theresa Portante from BSC Group. Mrs. Portante explained that the proposed work for this location includes replacing insulators along every structure of this transmission line from Millbury to Shelton, MA. Estimated time to complete this project is two weeks. The Conservation Commission had no further questions or concerns for this project.

**7:50PM** Alison Holmes made a motion to issue a negative determination for 23 Pinrock Road for the removal of three large dead oak trees by Applicant Justin Stelmok. The was second by Carolyn Corriveau. The vote was unanimous.

**7:52PM** Michael Garland reviewed the issue of unpermitted snow dumping occurring at 505 Washington Street by Fuller Automotive and stated that the company will have a deadline of February 1, 2020 to remove all snow from 104 South Street and surrounding wetlands. Mr. Garland stated again that heavy machinery will not be permitted during the snow removal from this location as well as surrounding wetlands.

**7:58PM** Vice Chairman, Thomas Fallon, reviewed the upcoming MACC Environmental Conference and how to apply for the classes.

**8:04PM** Thomas Fallon made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Carolyn Corriveau. The vote was unanimous.