

**Town of Auburn  
Conservation Commission  
April 7, 2020**

Mr. Porter called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and read the following:

**MEETING PREAMBLE DURING COVID-19 EMERGENCY**

Good Evening, as Chairman of the Conservation Commission, I am declaring that an emergency exists and I am invoking the provisions of RSA 91-A:2, III (b). Federal, state, and local officials have determined that gatherings of 10 or more people pose a substantial risk to our community in its continuing efforts to combat the spread of COVID-19. In concurring with their determination, I also find that this meeting is imperative to the continued operation of Town government and services, which are vital to public safety and confidence during this emergency.

Governor Sununu issued Emergency Order #12 on March 23<sup>rd</sup> which provides local government boards the ability to conduct business using technology to hold remote meetings and not provide a public place of meeting but provide for the public's ability to listen to the meeting. As such, this meeting will be conducted without a quorum of this body physically present in the same location.

At this time, I also welcome members of the public accessing this meeting remotely. Even though this meeting is being conducted in a unique manner under unusual circumstances, the usual rules of conduct and decorum apply. Any person found to be disrupting this meeting will be asked to cease the disruption. Should the disruptive behavior continue thereafter, that person will be removed from this meeting.

Please note that all votes that are taken during this meeting shall be done by Roll Call vote to be in accordance with the provisions of RSA 91-A:2, III (e).

Let's start the meeting by taking a Roll Call attendance. When each member states their name, also please state whether there is anyone in the room with you during this meeting, which is required under the Right-to-Know law.

**Roll Call was taken with the following Members and Alternates present:** Jeff Porter-Chairman. Peg Donovan, Vice Chair. Richard Burnham, Member. Stephanie Hanson & Mark Ampuja, Alternate Members. Minutes recorded and taken by Denise Royce.

**Also Present: William Herman, Town Administrator. Jeremy Lougee, Southeast Land Trust of New Hampshire. Mr. and Mrs. Sanborn.**

**The following members were absent:** Diana Heaton & Ed Fehrenbach, Members.

Mr. Porter elevated both Mr. Ampuja and Ms. Hanson to full voting members in the absence of Ms. Heaton and Mr. Fehrenbach.

Mr. Porter moved on to ask for a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting held on March 3, 2020.

## **MINUTES**

**Mr. Burnham moved to approve the minutes of March 3, 2020 as written. Mrs. Donovan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mrs. Donovan voted yea, Mr. Burnham voted yea, Ms. Hanson voted yea and, Mr. Ampuja voted yea. All were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.**

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **LEGAL NOTICE**

#### **PUBLIC HEARING AUBURN, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**Pursuant to the provisions of RSA 36-A:5, II and RSA 675:7, the Auburn Conservation Commission will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday April 7, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Auburn Town Hall.**

**The public hearing concerns the acquisition of a proposed Conservation Easement to be held by the Southeast Land Trust of New Hampshire with the Town of Auburn holding an Executory Interest. The proposed Conservation Easement would encumber a portion of the property identified as Tax Map #11 Lot #19, located on Dearborn Road and Chester Turnpike. The total contribution towards the acquisition of the conservation easement will not exceed \$160,000, which would come from the Town of Auburn's Conservation Fund. The purpose of the Easement is to limit the use of the Property, so as to maintain it in perpetuity as open space.**

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
AUBURN, NH  
March 6, 2020**

Mr. Porter began by saying that, the Public Hearing portion of the meeting is to look to vote to withdraw funds in the amount of \$160,000 for the Conservation Easement for the Sanborn property located on Dearborn Road and Chester Turnpike. Mr. Porter wanted to thank Mr. and Mrs. Sanborn again for the generous activity and believed that this was an amazing parcel to obtain in a Conservation Easement to be held by the Southeast Land Trust of New Hampshire with the Town of Auburn holding an Executory Interest. Mr. and Mrs. Sanborn commented that, they are more than happy to be able to do this.

At this time, Mr. Porter stated that, he would entertain a motion from the Board to withdraw \$160,000 from the Conservation Fund.

**Mrs. Donovan moved to approve the withdrawal of funds in the amount of \$160,000 for the acquisition of the Conservation Easement for the Sanborn property located on Dearborn Road and Chester Turnpike, Tax Map 11, Lot 19. Mr. Burnham seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mrs. Donovan voted yea, Mr. Burnham voted yea, Ms. Hanson voted yea, Mr. Ampuja voted yea and, Mr. Porter voted yea. All were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Porter asked if Ms. Heaton had signed on yet. Ms. Heaton had not signed on. Mr. and Mrs. Sanborn thanked the Board for their time, and also thanked Mr. Lougee of the Southeast Land Trust of New Hampshire. Mr. Lougee also thanked everyone for their help in getting this Conservation Easement put together.

Next, everyone but the Board members remained on the line for further discussion of new business and the like.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mrs. Donovan asked if there were any further feedback from the other potential Conservation Easements. Mr. Porter explained that, he has spoken with one of the potential property owners and that an informal would be scheduled to see if there was some interest in moving forward and what the timetable would be.

Mr. Porter asked if there was any other business or new business to discuss. None was noted. With that said, Mr. Porter asked for a motion to adjourn.

## **ADJOURN**

**Mrs. Donovan moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Burnham seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mrs. Donovan voted yea, Mr. Burnham voted yea, Ms. Hanson voted yea, Mr. Ampuja voted yea and, Mr. Porter voted yea. All were in favor, the motion passed unanimously, and the meeting stood adjourned at 7:20 p.m.**

**The next Conservation Commission meeting is currently scheduled for Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 47 Chester Road unless otherwise noted.**