

**Town of Auburn
Conservation Commission
April 3, 2018**

Members present: Jeff Porter-Chairman, Peg Donovan, Vice Chair, Richard Burnham, Alternate.

Absent: Ed Fehrenbach & Diana Heaton, Members. Alan Villeneuve & Stephanie Hanson, Alternates.

Others present: Alan Villeneuve was present for discussion purposes only.

Mr. Porter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and introduced the Board members. Mr. Porter then moved on to the first discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

**David Lefevre, Esquire
On Behalf of Kristin & Mark Travassos
405 Wilson Crossing Road, Tax Map 2, Lot 4
Discuss Date for Site Walk for Wetland Buffer**

Mr. Porter mentioned to the Board members present tonight that, he would like to schedule a site walk of the property located at 405 Wilsons Crossing Road for either Saturday, April 7th or Sunday, April 8th. Discussion ensued with regard to a date that was convenient for the members to attend.

At this time, after review of a date, Mr. Porter believed everyone was in agreement to meet for a site walk on Sunday, April 8th at 7:00am. Mr. Porter elevated Mr. Burnham to full voting status to make a quorum. The vote took place as follows:

**Mr. Burnham was available for Sunday, April 8th;
Mrs. Donovan was available for Sunday, April 8th; and,
Mr. Porter was also available for Sunday, April 8th.**

In conclusion, the Conservation Commission voted to meet at the property located at 405 Wilsons Crossing Road on Sunday, April 8th at 7:00am. Mr. Porter asked Ms. Royce to notify Mrs. Travassos that they would be meeting on Sunday, April 8th at 7:00am and that the Board members would like her to attend as well to show the areas in question.

Alan Villeneuve
269 Rockingham Road, Tax Map 25, Lot 44
Discuss Potential Site Plan

Mr. Villeneuve was present tonight to discuss with the Board what he is proposing to do at 269 Rockingham Road. Mr. Villeneuve began by pointing out on the site plan that he is looking for a side setback of approximately 12-feet from the property line and that he was basically looking at doubling the setbacks from what is currently existing with the property. Mr. Villeneuve went on to say that the building would be 88-feet by 36-feet and that the property was 110-feet wide. Mr. Villeneuve is proposing a 3-unit commercial storage building with each unit having a small office. There would be 7 parking spaces outside and one parking space for each unit inside the building. Each unit would have a fire exit door. Mr. Porter asked about Fire Department access. Mr. Villeneuve indicated that it was not an issue for the Conservation Commission but would be dealt with, with the Fire Department and the Code Enforcement Officer.

Mr. Porter asked Mr. Villeneuve if the detention pond would drain with normal slope. Mr. Villeneuve said yes that the water would be treated before leaving the site and would be better than what is existing now which is nothing. Mr. Villeneuve was asked about impervious pavement coverage. Mr. Villeneuve commented that he believed it would be about 60% lot coverage which he is seeking relief to exceed lot coverage with the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Mr. Villeneuve indicated that he would be utilizing the lot in a commercial zone for commercial use instead of residential.

Mr. Burnham asked if he could cut it down to 2-units because he would feel more comfortable if it were only 2-units. Mr. Villeneuve indicated that he was trying to get the most out of the lot and that he would be going before the Zoning Board of Adjustment to obtain the most variances and waivers for 3-units. With that in mind, Mr. Villeneuve stated that, he was before the Board tonight to seek the Board's support for the wetland reduction which is currently at 6-feet and he is looking to get approximately 10-feet to 12-feet from the wetland buffer. Mr. Porter asked what the dimensions were of the lot. Mr. Villeneuve indicated that one side was 106-feet front to back and the other side was about 142-feet front to back. Mr. Villeneuve believed that snow storage would be in the front of the building to the left side of the building and that he was unsure about signage at this moment.

Mr. Porter commented that he did not have a problem with what Mr. Villeneuve was proposing. Mrs. Donovan stated that it was better than what is existing and that she did not have a problem either. Mr. Burnham reiterated his concern that, he would feel more comfortable if it were 2-units as opposed to a 3-unit building.

In conclusion, Mr. Porter informed Mr. Villeneuve that he has heard what the Board members had to say and wished Mr. Villeneuve luck.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Porter wanted to mention a few things to the Board members that were present tonight and began by asking the Board if they went by the house on the corner of Dearborn Road and Spruce Lane. Mrs. Donovan pointed out the two (2) containers on the lot. Mr. Porter indicated that Mrs. Rouleau-Cote had issued the homeowner a Cease and Desist and recommended a restoration plan and that the homeowner has not responded. Mr. Porter talked about the active stream behind the property. Mr. Burnham stated that it was an eyesore and had an issue with the two (2) containers. Discussion ensued with regard to the issue with encroachment into the wetlands and the fact that the homeowner has brought in fill. Mr. Porter stated that he would keep the Board updated.

Mr. Porter moved on to discuss clean-up day which is not scheduled for Sunday, May 20th. They had a difficult day scheduling a day that would not coincide with little league and Mother's Day.

MINUTES

Mrs. Donovan moved to accept the minutes of March 6, 2018, as written, Mr. Burnham seconded the motion. A vote was taken; all were in favor, and the motion passed.

ADJOURN

Mrs. Donovan moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Burnham seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion passed unanimously and the meeting stood adjourned at 7.55 p.m.

The next Conservation Commission meeting is currently scheduled for Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 47 Chester Road unless otherwise noted.