

# *Town of Canandaigua*

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DATE: February 04, 2022

**TO: Chairman Chuck Oyler & members of the Planning Board**

**FROM: Sarah Reynolds**

**RE: Referrals from the Project Review Committee (PRC)**

**Planning Board Members,**

**My comments regarding Planning Board application number CPN-22-001 for 5555 Purdy Road as it pertains to future plans for extending the Auburn Trail in the Town of Canandaigua are as follows.**

Review based on:

- Application materials on file as of 02/04/2022
- Ontario County On-Cor maps
- Auburn Trail Feasibility Study 2013
- Current Auburn Trail Study discussions with Fisher Associates and associated public meeting(s)
- Town policies and maps incorporated in Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Planning documents adopted by Town Board.

Project Findings:

- Subject property is located along proposed route(s) for the Auburn Trail extension in the Town of Canandaigua.
- During past conversations with the property owner there was a discussion of potentially locating the trail on the subject property along the eastern and southern borders – this option was discussed at a public meeting and was viewed as a favorable option by all in attendance.
- At least two residents of the subject property voiced independent support for locating the trail on the subject property as discussed at the public meeting.
- Property owner has since voiced concerns with locating the trail on the subject property; is not in favor of this option.

Comments:

- If an agreement with the subject property owner can be reached, locating the trail along the eastern and southern border of this property would be the preferred trail alignment to connect the trail from Purdy Road at the North to Brickyard Road at the west where it meets the southwestern corner of the subject property due to it being off-road with visual interest from the trees and field.
- If the Auburn Trail cannot be placed on the subject property, perhaps the Planning Board can work with the property owner to provide a means for current and future residents to connect with the trail via sidewalks or pathways.
- The Planning Board should consider walkability for current and future residents when reviewing this application due to the proposed size of the finished neighborhood being more than double the number of existing homes.
- Improving options for pedestrians and cyclists in the Town is one of the top five 2022 Town of Canandaigua priorities from the Comprehensive Plan Update 2021.