



Town of Ashland

MASSACHUSETTS

MEETING MINUTES
ASHLAND TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE
Meeting Room A
Ashland Town Hall, 101 Main Street, Ashland MA
January 8, 2020

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2 Present: Brian Forestal (Chair)
3 Michael Jones (Vice Chair)
4 William Moulton (Secretary)
5 Robert St. Germain
6 Cathy Rooney
7 Brian McGrattan (Associate)
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10 **Call to order: 7:00 P.M.**

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12 Mr. St. Germain made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, accept the December 4, 2019 minutes
13 as amended. Motion passed 5-0-0.
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15 Updates:

16 Mr. Jones attended the Sustainability Committee meeting. The committee is developing a tree
17 replacement by-law.
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19 Mr. St. Germain made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to pay Gatehouse media invoice of
20 \$24.60 for RDA advertisement. Motion passed 5-0-0.
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22 Mr. St. Germain made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to pay Ashland Lumber invoice
23 #74081 of \$48.00 for kiosk lumber. Motion passed 5-0-0.
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25 Mr. St. Germain provided an update on the account balances:
26 CPC Grant 1 (\$3500.00) has a balance of \$1400.75. CPC Grant 2 (\$26.956.00) has a balance of
27 \$4681.63. The Boy Scout fund has a balance of \$400.94.

28 Mr. Jones signed previously approved invoice for Registry OOC \$79.00 filing fee.
29 CPC Grant 3 for the stone building is \$5000.00. CPC has approved the grant agreement for the
30 stone building.

31 Ms. Rooney made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve Mr. St. Germain signing the
32 CPC agreement for the Town Forest Committee.
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34 The rain garden at Oak Street was discussed by the committee. There is water breaking out at
35 the location and flowing into the street. Mr. Jones developed a plant list and planting plan cost
36 estimates based on spacing scenarios. The planting process was discussed. It will cost \$4000
37 for the grasses and forbs at the larger spacing. The money may come from the stormwater
38 funds. The cost doesn't include trees and shrubs. Additional sources of funding (possibly CPC)
39 to cover expenses will be explored. Cost for loam and mulch will need to be developed.

40 Mr. St. Germain made a motion, seconded by Ms. Rooney, to request \$4000 from the
41 stormwater fund to supply plants, topsoil and mulch for the rain garden. Motion passed 5-0-0.
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43 The committee discussed joining the New England Mountain Biking Association. Ms. Rooney
44 made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moulton, to join the NEMBA and pay the \$50 membership
45 fee out of the Boy Scout money. Motion passed 5-0-0.
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47 The grant proposal for invasive species control is at CISMA but a MOU is needed with
48 CISMA. Mr. St. Germain made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to have Mr. St. Germain
49 sign, on behalf of the committee, the MOU agreement with CISMA. Motion passed 5-0-0.
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51 Discussed possible additions to the map updates.
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53 The committee discussed the forest status tracking and the project tracking sheet.
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55 Discussed requesting CPC funding for rain garden, boundary markers and deer exclosures.
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57 The next regular meeting is January 29, 2020.
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59 Discussed moving portion of Bay Circuit Trail from the white trail to the Red trail. Mr. St.
60 Germain made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moulton, to move the section of the BCT from
61 intersection 23 to 30 to the red trail intersection 23 to 20. Motion passed 3-1(Jones)-1(Rooney).
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63 **9.00 PM Adjournment**

64 Mr. Moulton made a motion, seconded by Mr. St. Germain, to adjourn the meeting. Motion
65 passed 4-1(Jones)-0.
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67 **Documents Reviewed by the Town Forest Committee on 01/08/2020**

- 68 • Town Forest Committee Agenda 01-08-2020
- 69 • Document entitled, *ATFC minutes 2019-12-04 draft*
- 70 • Document entitled, *forbs and grasses*
- 71 • Document entitled, *plant cost new 11-7-2019*
- 72 • Document entitled, *Registry OOC filing fee*
- 73 • Document entitled, *rain garden plant photos*
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