



# Town of Ashland

MASSACHUSETTS

MEETING MINUTES  
ASHLAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
January 14, 2019

1  
2 Present: William Moulton (Vice Chair)  
3 K. G. Narayana  
4 Cathy Van Lancker  
5 Greg Wands

6  
7 Maeghan Dos Anjos (Agent)

8  
9 Absent: Gene Crouch (Chair)  
10 Jeff Lingham  
11 Carl Hakansson

12  
13 **Call to order: 7:07 P.M.**

14  
15 **7:07 Review of the December 3, 2018, Meeting Minutes**

16 The Commission reviewed the Meeting Minutes from December 3, 2018.

17  
18 Ms. Van Lancker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Narayana to accept the December 3, 2018,  
19 Meeting Minutes as amended. Motion passed 4-0-0.

20  
21 **7:12 Review of the December 17, 2018, Meeting Minutes**

22 The Commission reviewed the Meeting Minutes from December 17, 2018.

23  
24 Ms. Van Lancker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Narayana to accept the December 17, 2018,  
25 Meeting Minutes as amended. Motion passed 4-0-0.

26  
27 **7:03 Review of the December 17, 2018, Executive Session Meeting Minutes**

28 The Commission reviewed the Executive Session Meeting Minutes from December 17, 2018.

29  
30 Ms. Van Lancker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Narayana to accept the December 17, 2018,  
31 Executive Session Meeting Minutes. Motion passed 4-0-0.

32  
33 **7:14 Request for COC 95-817, Mike Kane, Wislon Circle, road work and stormwater  
34 infrastructure**

35 Mike Kane (Applicant) was present for the discussion. Mr. Kane explained that he received a  
36 Request for a COC for the permit that was issued for the creation of Wilson Circle and  
37 stormwater infrastructure. Mr. Kane explained that a Partial COC was issued previously,  
38 because the permit had also addressed a culvert for the last lot (12 Wilson Circle) on Wilson  
39 Circle. He also stated that an Order of Conditions was issued last year to address the stream  
40 crossing, and the approved single family home and septic system.

41  
42 The Agent stated that a COC can be issued.

43 Ms. Van Lancker, made a motion, seconded by Mr. Narayana to issue a Complete COC.  
44 Motion passed 4-0-0.

45  
46 **7:16 Plan Change Request, 95-915, Mike Kane, 12 Wilson Circle, clarification on**  
47 **timing and sequencing**

48 Mike Kane (Applicant) was present for the discussion. Mr. Kane explained that the plans  
49 require work to take place during low flow periods in July. In order to start work upgradient  
50 of the stream, Mr. Kane is proposing to place steel plates over the stream on 12 Wilson Circle.  
51 When the timing to install a culvert, Mr. Kane will do that in dry periods.

52  
53 The Commission stated that Mr. Kane should contact the Agent when the work will start, and  
54 when the steel plates will be placed over the commission. Mr. Kane understood that he will  
55 need to schedule a pre-construction meeting.

56  
57 Ms. Van Lancker, made a motion, seconded by Mr. Narayana to accept the minor plan change,  
58 with the condition that a pre-construction meeting be held prior to the start of work. Motion  
59 passed 4-0-0.

60  
61 **7:19 RDA, Mass DOT, I-90, resurfacing the Massachusetts Turnpike (I-90)**

62 Ms. Susan McArthur (Applicant, MassDOT) was present for the meeting. Ms. McArthur  
63 stated that the work (resurfacing) is exempt from the local Wetlands Protection Act. She stated  
64 that in addition to resurfacing, drainage lines will be replaced, and clearing and grubbing  
65 would take place to access the lines that need to be replaced. The Agent stated that a letter was  
66 submitted stating that they are exempt from filing under the local bylaw and submitting fees.  
67 The Agent stated that she is waiting on hearing from Town Counsel regarding this.

68  
69 Ms. McArthur stated that she also filed with the Town of Southborough, and the City of  
70 Framingham. The Commission asked about the limit of work and its proximity to the  
71 wetlands. The Commission asked about a perennial stream. The Commission also asked about  
72 timing and when work will start. Ms. McArthur was unsure as to when the work would start,  
73 but suggested the spring.

74  
75 The Commission stated that work should take place no closer than 25 feet from the edge of  
76 wetlands and the bank of the stream. The Commission requested that the Agent be present  
77 prior to the start of work.

78  
79 Ms. Van Lancker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Narayana to close the meeting. Motion  
80 passed 4-0-0.

81  
82 Ms. Van Lancker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Narayana to issue a Negative 3 and 5  
83 Determination of Applicability. Motion passed 4-0-0.

84  
85 **7:19 Request for COC, 95-313, Nealon and Nealon, 3 Concord Court, basin**

86 The Agent stated that a Request for COC came in for a partial release of 3 Concord Court.  
87 The Agent stated that the Order of Conditions was issued for the construction of a settling  
88 basin at Barry Drive which is approximately 475 feet from 3 Concord Court. The Commission  
89 asked if the basin was constructed. The Agent stated that it was.

90 Ms. Van Lancker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Narayana to issue a Partial COC releasing 3  
91 Concord Court from the Order of Conditions 95-313.

92

93 **7:34 Update on 95-876, Donald Zani, 6 Yale Street, restoration**

94 The Agent stated that she tried to do an inspection on January 3, 2019, but the owner was not  
95 present. She is corresponding with the Building Inspector to reschedule and is piecing together  
96 the Order of Conditions that was issued, and the Enforcement Order that was issued.

97

98 **7:35 Sign Document**

99 COC 95-817, Mike Kane, Wilson Circle, road work and stormwater infrastructure

100 COC 95-313, Nealon & Nealon, 3 Concord Court, basin

101 DOA Mass DOT, I-90, resurfacing the Massachusetts Turnpike (I-90)

102

103 **7:40 NOI, Eversource, Hopkinton to Ashland Transfer Line, gas line replacement from  
104 Hardwick Road to Cedar Street.**

105 Mr. Matthew Waldrip (Applicant- Eversource), Mr. Sean Berthiaume (Applicant-  
106 Eversource), Mr. Jack Lopes (Applicant- Eversource), and Mr. Rick Paquette (Representative-  
107 TRC), were present for the hearing.

108

109 Mr. Moulton stated that he needs to recuse. The Agent stated that there is no quorum.  
110 Eversource requested a continuance to January 28, 2019.

111

112 Mr. Narayana stated that he would not be at the next meeting. The Agent stated that if he  
113 listens to the tape and signs an affidavit, he will be able to vote at future meetings. The Agent  
114 stated that members cannot miss more than two meetings, and the last time it happened in  
115 Town the Applicants needed to withdraw their application and refile.

116

117 Mr. Waldrip asked if they agree to continue in the future if they can avoid a concern with a  
118 proper quorum. The Agent said yes.

119

120 Eversource officially requested a continuance to January 28, 2019.

121

122 The Agent had abutters write their names and addresses on paper to notify them of future  
123 continuances.

124

125 **7:44 Agent Announcements**

126 The Agent stated that the OOC for Riverwalk was recently amended to allow temporary  
127 footings for the long span bridge. The Agent stated that in order to cut down the costs, the  
128 footings now must be permanent. Mr. Wands further clarified this stating that given the cost of  
129 steel now in relation to political and economic factors, the Town has run into a wall with the  
130 cost, and that it was actually cheaper to use York Bridges. A written narrative was provided to  
131 the Commission of three potential options.

132

133 The Commission stated that an Amended OOC can be issued, but a plan should come before  
134 the Commission with what they want to do. They also asked about a combination between two  
135 different options.

136

137 In addition to this amendment, the Police Department have requested to clear an area in front  
138 of the Animal Shelter. This will allow the police to patrol the area as volunteers work at the  
139 shelter, and the trail would be public in the near future. Trees would not be removed, just low  
140 growth vegetation. The Commission understood this, but asked for map to show this area so  
141 they can do a site inspection.

142

143 The Agent also stated that the NOI will be submitted for 270 Cordaville Road, which started an  
144 addition in Riverfront Area, with a building permit, but without a wetland permit. The  
145 Commission asked about 39 Donna Lee Lane, and 23 Indian Brook.

146

147 **8:07 Member Prerogative**

148 Mr. Wands stated that the Board of Selectmen voted to relinquish the one acre building  
149 envelope parcel within Warren Woods, to the care and custody of the Conservation  
150 Commission. (This will need to be voted in the Town Meeting).

151

152 **8:27 Adjournment**

153 Mr. Narayana, made a motion, seconded by Ms. Van Lancker to adjourn the meeting.

154 Motion passed 4-0-0

155

156 **Documents Reviewed by the Conservation Commission on 1/ 14/ 2019**

157

- Conservation Commission Agenda 1-14-2019.
- Document entitled, *Meeting Minutes 12/3/2018*
- Document entitled, *Meeting Minutes 12/17/2018*
- Document entitled, *Meeting Minutes Executive Session 12/17/2018*
- RDA application for MassDOT
- Document entitled “*WPA Form 8A Request for Certificate of Compliance*” for file number 95-313, at 3 Concord Court
- Document entitled “*WPA Form 8A Request for Certificate of Compliance*” for file number 95-817, at Wilson Circle
- Document entitled “*Request for Full COC 95-817*” for Wilson Circle roadway and drainage work
- E-mail from Mike Kane with a subject line of *95-915 – 12 Wilson Circle*, and dated December 18, 2018 regarding Request for Minor Plan Change

158

159

160

161

162

163

164

165

166

167

168

169