



Town of Ashland

MASSACHUSETTS

MEETING MINUTES
ASHLAND TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE
Meeting Room A
Ashland Town Hall, 101 Main Street, Ashland MA
January 29, 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
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9 **Call to order: 7:00 P.M.**

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11 Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Ms. Rooney, accept the January 8, 2020 minutes as
12 amended. Motion passed 5-0-0.
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14 Updates:

15 Mr. St. Germain stated that the committee had received the CISMA grant for \$1300. The grant
16 is limited to labor only. Mr. St. Germain did check with personnel office on procedure for
17 hiring students to do the work.
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19 Ms. Rooney made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, that Mr. St. Germain sign the CISMA
20 grant award on behalf of the committee. Motion passed 5-0-0.
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22 A report must be submitted by July 15th, to get an extension can get an extension to spend the
23 grant until August 30th.
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25 Mr. Forestal and Mr. St. Germain met with a team from the Appalachian Mountain Club - Bay
26 Circuit Trail people about construction of the 100-foot (107') boardwalk on the white trail.
27 BCT has agreed to build it.
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29 Mr. Moulton provide an update on the schedule on the NOI hearing. Hearing should be on
30 February 24th Conservation Commission agenda. He plans on submitting a seconding NOI for
31 trail maintenance and invasive species control.
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33 Mr. St. Germain provided an update on the water issue at Oak Street Apartments. DPW is
34 evaluating the raingarden design for revisions including a higher pathway and an emergency
35 overflow pipe to the street stormwater system. Updated plans will be needed for the NOI. It my
36 impact planting situation.
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38 Mr. St. Germain and Mr. Forestal met with the DPW regarding gravel on the culvert on White
39 Trail; cutting branches by the shed (done); budget; trench for electric line to shed; bringing

40 rocks for ramp side walls and bridges. Mr. St. Germain will be meeting with Dr. Hoffman
41 regarding use of stones within the forest.

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43 Mr. St. Germain met with Dan Stimpson of SVT about bicycling at Cowassock Woods and
44 bridge approaches on their land.

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46 Discussed CPC grant request #4 that Mr. St. Germain is working for \$9500: rain garden \$4000,
47 boundary marking \$2500 and deer exclosures \$3000.

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49 Expenses

50 Mr. St. Germain motioned, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve his expense of \$98.77 for locks
51 and Bay Circuit Trail fee.

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53 Reviewed spending plan:

- 54 • Grant #1 has a balance of \$1475.58. Discussed expected expenses leaving a potential
55 balance of \$390.58.
- 56 • Grant #2 has a balance of \$4681.63. Expected expenses were discussed
- 57 • Boy Scout fund has a balance of \$400.94. Expected expenses were discussed
- 58 • Discussed upcoming NOI hearing notice and OOC recording expenses coming out of
59 Grant 1 and Grant 2.

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61 Reviewed tool list. Mr. St. Germain recommended getting a 1000W generator. Mr. St. Germain
62 made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve the purchase of tools on the current quantity
63 list in the AFT Required tool list. Motion passed 4-0-1(Rooney). Ms. Rooney mentioned about
64 the liability of using a chainsaw in the Town Forest.

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66 Discussed the AFTC FY21 annual budget request that is to be submitted to the DPW.

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68 Mr. St. Germain made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve the FY21 Annual budget
69 request to the DPW. Motion passed 5-0-0.

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71 Review the project tracker. Discussed building a loft in the shed. Mr. Moulton made a motion,
72 seconded by Mr. St. Germain, to build a loft, bench and install tool hangers in the shed. Motion
73 passed 5-0-0.

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75 Mr. Forestal discussed an administrative tab for each person on the project tracker spreadsheet.

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77 Discussed preparation for the May Town meeting Report. We can provide a presentation
78 limited to 3 minutes. We will use the presentation from the Select Board meeting. Mr. St.
79 Germain will revise narrative creating a draft.

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81 **9.00 PM Adjournment**

82 Mr. Moulton made a motion, seconded by Mr. St. Germain, to adjourn the meeting. Motion
83 passed 5-0-0.

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85 **Documents Reviewed by the Town Forest Committee on 01/29/2020**

- 86 • Town Forest Committee Agenda 01-29-2020

- 87 • Document entitled, *ATFC minutes 2019-01-8 draft*
- 88 • Document entitled, *CISMA Small Grant Award Notice - Ashland*
- 89 • Document entitled, *Amazon order-Elec Door knob*
- 90 • Document entitled, *200128 RstG Expense Reimb*
- 91 • Document entitled, *200129v2 ATFc Spending plan*
- 92 • Document entitled, *Tool procurement list v200129b w deferrals*
- 93 • Document entitled, *ATFC FY2021 budget submission v200129*
- 94 • Document entitled, *200128 ATF acct bal & spending plan*
- 95 • Document entitled, *AMC-BCT Boardwalk sections diagram*
- 96 • Document entitled, *ATFC budget draft v200123 (003)*
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