



Town of Ashland

MASSACHUSETTS

MEETING MINUTES
ASHLAND TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE
Meeting Room A
Ashland Town Hall, 101 Main Street, Ashland MA
February 20, 2020

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Present: Brian Forestal (Chair)
Michael Jones (Vice Chair)
William Moulton (Secretary) (entered at 7:15 pm)
Robert St. Germain
Brian McGrattan (Associate)

Absent: Cathy Rooney

Call to order: 7:00 P.M.

Reviewed the minutes of January 05, 2020. Mr. St. Germain motioned, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve the minutes. Motion passed 4-0-0

Reviewed the minutes of January 29, 2020. Mr. St. Germain motioned, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve the minutes. Motion passed 4-0-0

Updates:
Committee discussed shed issues including have electricity brought to the shed. The Electric Company will install the pole.

Mr. St. Germain talked to Dr. Hoffman. He advised that there is no problem picking up individual rocks but to stay away from stone walls and stone mounds.

Mr. St. Germain discussed the rain garden design with Evan White, Town Engineer. He is fine with the design as is.

Mr. St. Germain discussed the chainsaw liability question with Jen Ball and Susan Robie. They talked with the town's insurance company and it was not an issue. In the future, people may need to sign a Release Form when volunteering for the town.

Mr. St. Germain stated that the DPW placed 3 truckloads of 1-1/2" stone over the culvert north of intersection 32. Committee consensus cited the need for compaction and addition of dense-grade gravel.

Mr. St. Germain has submitted CPC grant #4 for rain garden plants, boundary marking funds, and deer exclosures, but the CPC requested that he make some adjustments. He also stated the Select Board announced that they are accepting applications for BAA grant but the application needs to be submitted by March 23.

41 Mr. Moulton provided an update on the Trail Construction NOI. Invasive species control
42 component was added for the Clark parcel.

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44 Mr. Jones and Mr. St. Germain procured \$1350.66 worth of tools recently. The tools acquired
45 and what still needs to be procured was discussed.

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47 Expenses

48 Mr. St. Germain motioned, seconded by Mr. Moulton, to approve Mr. Jones tool expenses of
49 \$207.01. Motion passed 4-0-0.

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51 Mr. Jones motioned, seconded by Mr. Moulton, to approve Mr. St. Germain tool expenses of
52 \$1331.08. Motion passed 4-0-0.

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54 Mr. Jones motioned, seconded by Mr. Moulton, to approve Ashland Lumber Invoice #76316 of
55 291.20 and Ashland Lumber Invoice #76295 of \$949.00. Motion passed 4-0-0.

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57 Mr. Moulton motioned, seconded by Mr. Jones, to select Benjamin Moore paint colors green
58 HC-189 (siding) and Brown 2111-20 (trim) for the shed. Motion passed 4-0-0.

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60 The committee discussed the electrical demand of the power tools and what size generator
61 would be appropriate. Consensus is to hold off on a generator for now.

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63 Discussed decommissioning Blue Trail from intersection from 31 to 33. Mr. St. Germain made
64 a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to table the discussion and carry it forward to the next
65 planning meeting. Motion passed 4-0-0.

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67 Mr. Forestal discussed using the admin tabs and specific project tabs to track volunteers. He
68 will create the General Forest tab.

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70 Will be preparing for the May town meeting. Ms. Rooney has made some revisions to the
71 report and it can be discussed at the next meeting on March 11th.

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73 **9.00 PM Adjournment**

74 Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. St. Germain, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed
75 4-0-0.

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77 **Documents Reviewed by the Town Forest Committee on 02/20/2020**

- 78 • Town Forest Committee Agenda 20200220_REV
- 79 • Document entitled, *ATFC minutes 2020-01-29 draft*
- 80 • Document entitled, *ATFC minutes 2020-01-05 draft*
- 81 • Document entitled, *2020-0218 Mike Jones Expense Rpt*
- 82 • Document entitled, *2020-0219 RstG Expense Rpt*
- 83 • Document entitled, *Mike Jones Lowes recpt 2_14_20*
- 84 • Document entitled, *AFTC 2020 May Town Mtg narrative report revCR 021820*
- 85 • Document entitled, *1 – N.E.C Trophy-Haworth plaque*
- 86 • Document entitled, *2- 2_13_20 Amazon-flags for invasives*

- 87 • Document entitled, *5- 2_3_20 Amazon - ATF ladder*
- 88 • Document entitled, *4- Home Depot & Lowes 200220 exp rpt*
- 89 • Document entitled, *3 - Monnick #E68212-loppers*
- 90 • Document entitled, *6- Lowes, Harbor Freight 200220 RsG Exp*
- 91 • Document entitled, *7- Silton#10850*
- 92 • Document entitled, *200218 AL inv#76295-OakSt*
- 93 • Document entitled, *200219 AL inv#76316-shed*