



Town of Ashland

MASSACHUSETTS

MEETING MINUTES
ASHLAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION
February 24, 2020

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Present: Gene Crouch (Chair)
William Moulton (Vice Chair)
Cathy Van Lancker
Carl Hakansson
K.G. Narayana
Greg Wands
Gabriel Toledo

Maeghan Dos Anjos (Agent)

Call to order: 7:00 P.M.

7:00 Review of the February 10, 2020 Meeting Minutes

The Commission reviewed the Meeting Minutes.

Mr. Wands made a motion, seconded by Mr. Narayana, to accept the February 10, 2020, Meeting Minutes as amended. Motion passed 7-0-0.

7:01 95-878, Kelly Engineering Group, Request for Extension, Cirrus Road, and detention basin

The Agent explained that the Applicant is requesting an extension to the OOC that was issued for final stabilization to allow grass to take place within the basin located off of Cirrus Road and the MBTA Access Road.

Mr. Hakansson asked if anyone will be present and asked why the basin is failing. The Commission requested that someone be present for this discussion.

Mr. Narayana, made a motion seconded by Ms. Van Lancker, to continue the hearing to March 9, 2020. Motion passed 7-0-0.

7:05 Discussion, Rachel and Tyler Champagne, 274 Cordaville Road, tree removal for solar panels

Mr. Tyler Champagne (owner) was present for the discussion. The Agent explained that he would like to have non-hazard trees removed to install solar panels on the roof of his home. Mr. Crouch asked who told him to have the trees removed Mr. Champagne explained that he has received two quotes and that both companies told him to remove the trees. The Agent mentioned that the property was within the 200 Foot Riverfront Area to the Sudbury River, and floodplain. The Agent also stated that according to GIS, the floodplain was not located in the areas of the planned tree removal. The Agent said that the floodplain elevation is 208 feet, and the GIS shows the elevation of the home at 216 feet.

43 The Agent asked about permitting. The Commission said that they are comfortable with an
44 RDA filing. The Agent also said that the owner does not have access to a plot plan. Mr.
45 Champagne said he contacted his closing attorney and his mortgage company and they did not
46 have a plot plan. The Commission expressed concern over this. Mr. Crouch asked if he is
47 currently paying flood insurance.

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49 **7:10 Agent's Announcements**

50 Mr. Jonathan Kazarian (Applicant for an OOC File Number 95-902) was present for the
51 discussion. The OOC was issued for work at 123 Green Street. The Agent explained that an
52 after-the-fact NOI was required after the Applicant removed some plants within the Buffer
53 Zone, but out of the No Disturb Zone. The Agent said that mitigation required plantings of
54 native species within the area where vegetation was removed, and that vegetation has since
55 grown back which consists of sweet pepperbush, and blackberries. The Agent said that the
56 Applicant never got to the work, and then received a letter from the Agent which stated that his
57 OOC will expire soon. Mr. Kazarian explained that his children were born during the time
58 that the permit was issued, and was unable to get to the work. The Agent explained that there
59 is bittersweet taking over the trees in the back behind his existing fence. The Agent stated that
60 he would also like to replace the existing fence, but would need to prune back some vegetation
61 in order to install the fence.

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63 The Commission stated that he does not need to do the plantings, but can remove the
64 bittersweet. The Commission said that the Agent should observe conditions after one growing
65 season.

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67 The Agent also mentioned that the OOC needs to be recorded, and that she cannot finish
68 drafting the Extension until recording information is received. The Agent said that the OOC
69 speaks to the mitigation area. Ms. Van Lancker said that the Meeting Minutes will address the
70 change in the work. Mr. Moulton said that it can be a condition of the extension.

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72 **Mr. Narayana recused himself from the 30 Raymond Way discussion**

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74 **7:23 Caryn and William Kane, 30 Raymond Way, deed restriction**

75 Ms. Caryn Kane, and Mr. William Kane (owners) were present for the discussion. The Agent
76 explained that the Deed Restriction has been reviewed by Town Management and changes
77 have not been made. The Commission reviewed the deed restriction.

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79 Ms. Van Lancker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wands to accept the Deed Restriction.
80 Motion passed 6-0-0.

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82 **Mr. Narayana returned to the meeting**

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90 **Mr. Crouch recused himself from the Mass DOT discussion**

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92 **7:57 Review 95-931, Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Route 126 (Pond**
93 **Street), Wetland Replication Plan**

94 The Commission reviewed a set of replication plans that were required as part of the Order.
95 The original replication areas are within a Butterfield Drive property. The Commission
96 reviewed a set of replication plans for Cedar Street.

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98 Mr. Narayana made a motion, seconded by Ms. Van Lancker to accept the Cedar Street
99 Replication Plan. Motion passed 5-0-1. (Mr. Toledo abstained).

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101 **Mr. Crouch returned to the Mass DOT discussion**

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104 **8:13 Review Draft OOC, 95-936, George Harrington, Lot 4 Harrington Drive, single**
105 **family home**

106 The Commission reviewed a draft OOC for George Harrington, Lot 4 Harrington Drive. The
107 Commission stated that there should be bounds within the 25 foot No Disturb Zone, and looked
108 at the plans to determine where the bounds should be located. The Commission stated that the
109 bounds should be located across from the wetland flag numbers 102, 103, 105, 107, 201, 203,
110 208, and 210.

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112 Mr. Narayana made a motion seconded by Mr. Toledo to approve the OOC as amended.
113 Motion passed 5:0:2 (Mr. Moulton and Mr. Crouch abstained).

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115 **8:26 Adjournment**

116 Mr. Toledo made a motion, seconded by Ms. Van Lancker to adjourn the meeting.
117 Motion passed 7-0-0.

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119 **Documents Reviewed by the Conservation Commission on 2 / 13 / 2020**

- 120 • Conservation Commission Agenda 2/ 13 /2020
- 121 • Document entitled, *Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes* and dated 1/ 27 / 2020
- 122 • Plans entitled, *Site Plan/ Notice of Intent*, dated 2/ 5 / 2020
- 123 • Document entitled, *Conservation Covenant Lot 13R Raymond Way*, not dated
- 124 • Plans entitled, *Ashland, MA. Route 126 (Pond Street)*, Sheet Number 189 of 327