



# Town of Ashland

MASSACHUSETTS

MEETING MINUTES  
ASHLAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
February 25, 2019

1  
2 Present: Gene Crouch (Chair)  
3 William Moulton (Vice Chair)  
4 Jeff Lingham  
5 Carl Hakansson  
6 Cathy Van Lancker  
7 Greg Wands  
8 K.G. Narayana  
9  
10 Maeghan Dos Anjos (Agent)  
11  
12

13 **Call to order: 7:01 P.M.**  
14

15 **7:09 Review of the February 11, 2019, Meeting Minutes**

16 The Commission reviewed the Meeting Minutes from February 11, 2019.  
17

18 Ms. Van Lancker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Narayana, to accept the February 11, 2019,  
19 Meeting Minutes as amended. Motion passed 6-0-1. William Moulton abstained.  
20

21 **7:14 Agent Announcements**

22 The Agent stated that two Certificate of Compliances were issued to 95-499, and 95-433  
23 regulating work at Independence Lane. The Agent stated that they were recorded at the  
24 Registry of Deeds for the recorded land side, but did not get recorded on the land court side.  
25 Mr. Hakansson clarified how this may have happened.  
26

27 Mr. Moulton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Narayana to reissue the COC for both 95-499  
28 and 95-433. Motion passed 7-0-0.  
29

30 **7:16 Request for COC, 95-674, Richmond Development Corps, Hillcrest Estates**  
31 **Subdivision**

32 Mr. Steve Hickey (Owner- Richmond Development, and Applicant) was present for the  
33 discussion. Mr. Hickey stated that a Partial Certificate of Compliance was issued by the  
34 Commission last year. The Commission had asked about the encroachments, which consisted  
35 of a retaining wall, a swing set, and a fence. Mr. Hickey stated that all encroachments were  
36 removed. The Commission asked if the Agent did an inspection. The Agent stated that she  
37 went out, and that GCG went out as well as part of the peer review for Planning Board. The  
38 Commission stated that they needed to remove the encroachments before the land was gifted to  
39 the Town.  
40

41 Mr. Lingham made a motion, seconded by Mr. Narayana, to issue a Complete COC. Motion  
42 passed 7-0-0.

43 **7:19 Request for Extension, 95-884, Richmond Development Corps, Hillside Estates**  
44 **Subdivision**

45 Mr. Steve Hickey (Owner- Richmond Development/Applicant) was present for the discussion.  
46 Mr. Hickey stated that the work was for the roadway and drainage for Hillside Estates which is  
47 constructed from a parcel of 22 High Street Extension that was subdivided for the project. Mr.  
48 Hickey stated that the roadway is in, but more work needs to be done in terms of curbing,  
49 sidewalks, etc.

50

51 The Commission asked how many years Mr. Hickey is asking for an extension. Mr. Hickey  
52 stated that he is asking for the OOC to be extended for three more years.

53

54 Mr. Lingham made a motion, seconded by Mr. Narayana, to issue a three year extension for  
55 95-884. Motion passed 7-0-0.

56

57 **7:21 95-926, NOI/SMP, Eversource Hopkinton to Ashland Transfer Line, gas line**  
58 **replacement from Hardwick Rd to Cedar St continued from 1/28/2019**

59

60 **Mr. Moulton and Mr. Crouch recused themselves for the hearing.**

61

62 Mr. Matthew Waldrip (Applicant- Environmental Licensing & Permitting Specialist), and Mr.  
63 Sean Berthiaume (Applicant- Civil Engineer with Eversource) were present for the hearing.

64 Mr. Waldrip provided an update to the Commission regarding the field inspections for  
65 additional wetland resource areas. The weather had postponed TRC's (Eversource's  
66 consultant) inspections.

67

68 The Commission asked if they had reviewed the plans from the 40B (133 West Union Street,  
69 #95-0855) that was discussed at the previous hearing. The Agent stated that TRC came in to  
70 look at the plans.

71

72 The Commission discussed the peer review. Mr. Waldrip requested that the peer review be  
73 tabled to March 11, 2019, and that the plan revisions be continued to March 25, 2019.

74

75 The Commission opened the hearing to the public. Mr. Mark Dassoni (Ashland Resident) was  
76 present and asked about the peer review and EPA review. The Commission clarified the peer  
77 review process, and Mr. Waldrip explained EPA's jurisdiction, and permitting.

78

79 Mr. Hakansson, made a motion, seconded by Mr. Narayana, to continue the review of the  
80 quotes for the peer review to March 11, 2019. Motion passed 5-0-0.

81

82 Ms. Van Lancker, made a motion, seconded by Mr. Narayana, to continue the plan review of  
83 the NOI to March 25, 2019. Motion passed 5-0-0.

84

85 **Mr. Moulton and Mr. Crouch returned to the public hearing.**

86

87 **7:43 NOI, Andrew Puntini, 270 Cordaville Road, after the fact NOI for an addition,**  
88 **and garage.**

89 Andrew Puntini (Owner/Applicant) was present for the hearing. The Agent stated that the NOI  
90 is after-the-fact permit for an addition. She also clarified that he is also seeking permission to  
91 add a carport in the existing driveway with posts, and no foundation. The Agent stated that a  
92 File Number has not been issued.

93  
94 The Commission stated that he needs to add the 25 foot No Disturb Zone, and the 200 foot  
95 Riverfront Area on the plans.

96  
97 Mr. Lingham, made a motion, seconded by Mr. Narayana, to continue the hearing to March 11,  
98 2019. Motion passed 7-0-0.

99  
100 **7:58 Member Prerogative**  
101 Mr. Wands stated that there is a trail behind Megunko Road (Old Trolley Trail) that needs to  
102 be cleared, and that that the Friends of the Upper Charles Trail hit a brick wall due to a lack of  
103 funding. The Friends asked Mr. Wands for his assistance and tractor. Mr. Wands said that  
104 there are saplings that are 1-2 inches and that work would take place in the wetland. The  
105 Commission stated that permitting is required, and asked about how equipment will access the  
106 site.

107  
108 Mr. Hakansson stated that outside of the Conservation Commission hearings for Eversource,  
109 there has not been a town-wide discussion, and that the Town has had little input. He  
110 suggested televising the March 25, 2019, hearing. Mr. Narayana requested a copy of the  
111 Single Environmental Impact Report. Mr. Crouch stated that the ENF, and the EIR must go to  
112 the Town Manager, Board of Health, Conservation Commission, and Planning.

113  
114 **8:28 Sign Documents**  
115 COC 95-674, Richmond Development Corps, Hillcrest Estates subdivision  
116 Extension 95-884, Richmond Development Corps, Hillside Estates Subdivision  
117 Duplicate COC 95-433, Kriss Law, Independence Lane, construction of roadway, and  
118 drainage  
119 Duplicate COC 95-499, Kriss Law, Independence Lane, sewer connection

120  
121 **8:28 Adjournment**  
122 Mr. Lingham made a motion, seconded by Ms. Van Lancker to adjourn the meeting.  
123 Motion passed 7-0-0.

124  
125 **Documents Reviewed by the Conservation Commission on 2/ 25 / 2019**  
126 • Conservation Commission Agenda 2-25-2019  
127 • Document entitled, *Meeting Minutes 2/11/2019*  
128 • Document entitled, *GCG Associates, Inc. Engineering Proposal to Conservation*  
129 *Commission Town of Ashland for Peer Review Notice of Intent- Eversource Gas*  
130 *Improvements*, and dated February 25, 2019  
131 • Document entitled, *Lucas Environmental Professional Services Proposal*, and dated  
132 February 22, 2019.  
133 • Document entitled, *Nover-Armstrong: A Division of BETA: Peer Review Services*  
134 *Hopkinton to Ashland Transfer Line Replacement Project*, and dated February 25,  
135 2019

- 136 • NOI application, filed by Andrew Puntini
- 137 • Document entitled, *Professional Services Corporation, PC: Peer Review of the*
- 138 *Hopkinton to Ashland Transfer Line Replacement Project*, and dated February 25,
- 139 2019.