



Town of Ashland

MASSACHUSETTS

MEETING MINUTES
ASHLAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION
February 26, 2018

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2 Present: Gene Crouch (Chair) (entered at 7:18 p.m.)
3 William Moulton (Vice Chair)
4 Carl Hakansson
5 K.G. Narayana
6 Jeff Lingham
7 Cathy Van Lancker
8 Greg Wands
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10 Maeghan Dos Anjos (Agent)

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12 **Call to order: 7:08 P.M.**

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14 **7:08 Review of the February 12, 2018, Meeting Minutes**

15 Mr. Lingham made a motion, seconded by Mr. Narayana to accept the February 12, 2018,
16 Meeting Minutes as amended. Motion passed 5-0-1 (Moulton).
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18 **7:23 RDA, Alan Marks, 0 Tri Street, stream status**

19 Tom Rebula (Representative- Goddard Consulting LLC.) was present for the meeting. Mr.
20 Rebula went over information in the RDA. He stated that the information he presented follows
21 the definitions as promulgated in the regulations under the Wetlands Protection Act regarding
22 perennial versus intermittent streams. Mr. Crouch explained that the watershed was greater
23 than what the stream status program showed.
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25 Mr. Hakansson asked about the EcoTech Report from 2003. Mr. Hakansson asked why it was
26 included to support the Applicant's case for the intermittent stream when the date is old and
27 when part of the report shows part of the stream as being perennial.
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29 Mr. Lingham explained how he used contours to determine the watershed size.
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31 Mr. Crouch stated that they need to redraw the watershed size and may have to do it manually
32 rather than through Stream Stats.
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34 Mr. Rebula stated that the work that was done matches that the Wetlands Protection Act
35 regulations and definitions and that the stream is intermittent.
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37 Mr. Crouch read the regulations aloud, and said that the Commission was asking him to do
38 something in line with the regulations. Mr. Crouch opened the meeting to public comments.
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40 Mr. Hakansson pointed out that the filing was for a Request of Determination.
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42 Mr. Frank Wilton, Adams Road, asked for clarification on the 2003 Eco Tech Report, the
43 USGS map, and the Stream Stats program. Mr. Wilton explained that the properties along
44 Adams Road have sump pumps. The Commission explained the report, the USGS map and the
45 Stream Stats program.

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47 Mr. Richard James (Adams Road), asked about the effect on his property with this filing. The
48 Commission clarified jurisdictional areas.

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50 Ms. Claire Andrews, 8 Charles Street, said that two feet of water in her basement was a
51 common problem as the area is surrounded by wetlands, and it constantly floods. Ms.
52 Andrews said she had to put in two french drains to alleviate the problem.

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54 Abutters stated that when the bridge and culvert were replaced it took a year for the Town to
55 properly address the sizing of the culvert.

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57 A second abutter asked about site inspections, and why the Commission was not doing site
58 inspections there. The Commission stated that they have done site inspections through a
59 previous permit on the property.

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61 The Agent said she would pull the files as it relates to the 2003 EcoTech Report.

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63 Mr. Rebula agreed to come back with a watershed size rendering and agreed to continue the
64 hearing.

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66 Ms. Van Lancker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Narayana to continue the hearing to march
67 5, 2018 at 7:15 pm. Motion passed 7-0-0.

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69 **8:24 Request for COC, Daniel Aho, 95-882, 9 Thomas Road, single family home**
70 **(continued from February 12, 2018)**

71 Mr. Jim Dortch (owner) was present for the discussion. The Agent stated that Japanese
72 knotweed is on site and is encroaching on the site, and the wetland scientist asked for the
73 Commission to approve a method to remove the knotweed.

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75 The Commission discussed a few different options and agreed on injecting with herbicides.
76 However, foliar herbicides cannot be used.

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78 **8:35 Review Draft Amended OOC 95-891, William Rodenhiser, 81 West Union Street**
79 William Rodenhiser (Applicant) was present. The Agent explained what the Planning Board
80 was going to do.

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82 The Commission reviewed and edited the Draft OOC.

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84 Mr. Narayana made a motion, seconded by Ms. Van Lancker to issue the Amended OOC.
85 Motion passed 7-0-0.

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89 **9:40 Request for COC 95-905, Daniel Aho 222 and 224 Oak Street**

90 The Agent stated that the site is not quite ready yet, as further stabilization is necessary. The
91 Commission agreed.

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93 **9:41 Request for COC, 95-908, Mary and Russell Pollard, 35 Lakeside Drive, addition**

94 The Agent stated that this item is tabled, because she did not have a chance to do a site
95 inspection.

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97 **9:42 Conservation Land Inventory- Deed Research Update, current status**

98 The Agent stated that research on conservation lands and CRs have concluded and investigations
99 are ongoing for all other open space properties in Town. The Agent stated that fact sheets have
100 been drafted for each property in the care of the Conservation Commission, and that they will be
101 reviewed at the next meeting.

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103 **9:43 Conservation Restriction Working Group Update**

104 The Agent stated that there is a meeting on February 27, 2018, to go over the draft CR for the
105 Oak Street property. Mr. Moulton explained further the purpose for the meeting.

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107 **9:46 Updates on Ongoing Projects**

108 The Agent explained that her weekly site inspections along Eversource's Right of Way through
109 the Town of Ashland have concluded for the season until the spring.

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111 **Documents Reviewed by the Conservation Commission on 2/26/2018**

- 112 • Conservation Commission Agenda 02-26-2018
- 113 • Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes 2-12-2018
- 114 • RDA, Alan Marks 0 Tri Street and associated documents, dated 2/5/2018
- 115 • Plans, entitled, *Proposed Storage Facility Site Plan*, 81 West Union Street, dated
116 2/26/2018
- 117 • Two topographic maps of the Tris Street watershed area from Jeff Lingham.
- 118 • Three stream stat calculations related to the Tri Street watershed from Gene Couch.

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120 **9:50 Adjournment**

121 Mr. Moulton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Narayana to adjourn the meeting.

122 Motion passed 7-0-0.