



Town of Ashland

MASSACHUSETTS

MEETING MINUTES
ASHLAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION
March 26, 2018

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2 Present: Gene Crouch (Chair)
3 William Moulton (Vice Chair)
4 Carl Hakansson
5 K.G. Narayana
6 Jeff Lingham (left at 7:45 p.m.)
7 Cathy Van Lancker
8 Greg Wands
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10 Maeghan Dos Anjos (Agent)

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12 **Call to order: 7:10 P.M.**

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14 **7:10 Review of the February 26, 2018, Meeting Minutes**

15 Ms. Van Lancker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moulton to accept the February 26, 2018,
16 Meeting Minutes as amended. Motion passed 7-0-0.

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18 **7:23 Review of the March 12, 2018, Meeting Minutes**

19 Ms. Van Lancker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Narayana to accept the March 12, 2018,
20 Meeting Minutes as amended. Motion passed 7-0-0.

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22 **7:24 Review of Positive DOA, Alan Marks, 0 Tri Street, Stream Status determination**

23 The Commission reviewed a draft Positive DOA for 0 Tri Street, and discussed which boxes to
24 check off on the permit form. The Commission stressed importance in describing the location
25 of the stream, and stated that the perennial status of the stream must be stipulated.

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27 Mr. Narayana made a motion, seconded by Ms. Van Lancker to issue the DOA as discussed.
28 The motion passed 7-0-0.

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30 **7:45 Updates on Ongoing Projects**

31 The Agent mentioned an administrative error written on the Amended Order of Conditions (95-
32 891) 81 West Union Street. The error was in regards to a sentence involving grading changes.
33 The Commission stated that it was okay to remove, because it was seen as a scrivener's error.

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35 Ms. Van Lancker made a motion seconded by Mr. Narayana to strike the sentence and to issue
36 a minor modification modified. The motion passed 6-0-0.

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38 The Agent also mentioned that Keolis will be doing vegetation management along the right of
39 way for MBTA (the railroad tracks).

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41 The Agent stated that Eversource filed an EIR for a gas line replacement and will be filing a
42 NOI in the future. The Agent also mentioned that Eversource will be doing vegetation
43 management along its right of way.

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45 The Agent also discussed that one requirement of the MS4 Permit is to modify existing
46 Stormwater bylaws. The Agent stated that the bylaw in Town is administered by the
47 Conservation Commission. The Agent mentioned that there are two Stormwater Bylaws, and
48 that these will need to be modified. She said that she was unsure of what changes are
49 necessary, but that she will know in time for the next Stormwater Advisory Committee
50 Meeting.

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52 **7:53 Introduce Samantha Sabanosh, FSU Volunteer**

53 The Commission met Samantha Sabanosh, a student from Framingham State University that is
54 volunteering to assist the Commission and the Agent with the Conservation Land Inventory.
55 The Commission introduced themselves.

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57 **8:01 Conservation Land Inventory- Approve “Section 02: Inventory and Map of the
58 Inventory”, and “Section 03: Fact Sheets, and Plans”**

59 Stephanie Danish (FSU Volunteer) and Samantha Sabanosh (FSU Volunteer) were present for
60 the discussion. The Commission reviewed Section 02: of the Conservation Land Inventory.
61 The Commission made changes to include a description of a wildlife refuge. The Commission
62 made changes to language, and the monitoring requirements. Mr. Moulton recommended adding
63 a monitoring table. The Agent stated that the Map will be reviewed in the summer given ongoing
64 research for open space properties in Town.

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66 The Commission approved Section 02: Inventory and Map as amended.

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68 The Commission also reviewed Section 03: Fact Sheets, and plans. Ms. Danish and Ms.
69 Sabanosh took notes while the Commission commented on “Section 03”. Note that given the
70 size of the document, the Commission reviewed this electronically.

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72 **9:38 Use of Warren Woods for bird banding and mammal surveys**

73 The Agent stated that Dr. Van Roo with Framingham State University would like to band birds
74 again this year at Warren Woods. The Commission approved the activity.

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76 **9:41 Informal Discussion on Wetlands protection Bylaw and regulations Chapter 280
77 and 348 proposed changes**

78 The Commission wants to discuss how to make changes to the bylaw, (in terms or procedures to
79 follow). The Commission tabled this for the next meeting.

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81 **9:43 Member Prerogative:**

82 The Commission discussed certain parcels of land to add to the Inventory.

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84 The Commission asked about monitoring wells at Mill Pond Park.

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86 **Documents Reviewed by the Conservation Commission on 3/26/2018**

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- Conservation Commission Agenda 03-26-2018

- 88 • Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes 2-26-2018
- 89 • Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes 03-12-2018
- 90 • DOA for Alan Marks, Tri Street Partners, 0 Tri Street.
- 91 • Document entitled, “*Conservation Land Inventory*, Section 02: Inventory and Map”
- 92 • Document entitled, “*Conservation Land Inventory*, Section 03: Fact Sheets, and Plans”
- 93 (electronic)

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95 **9:50 Adjournment**

96 Mr. Moulton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Van Lancker to adjourn the meeting.

97 Motion passed 6-0-0.