



Town of Ashland

MASSACHUSETTS

MEETING MINUTES
ASHLAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION
May 4, 2020

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2 Present: Gene Crouch (Chair)
3 William Moulton (Vice Chair)
4 Carl Hakansson
5 Cathy Van Lancker
6 K.G. Narayana (left at 8:49)
7 Greg Wands
8 Gabriel Toledo
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10 Maeghan Dos Anjos (Agent)

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12 **Meeting held by Zoom**
13 **Call to order: 7:08 P.M.**
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15 **7:08 Review 4/27/2020 Meeting Minutes.**

16 The Commission reviewed the Meeting Minutes. Mr. Crouch said that he will send language
17 to line 114.
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19 Mr. Narayana made a motion, seconded by Ms. Van Lancker, to accept the April 27, 2020,
20 Meeting Minutes as amended. Motion passed 7-0-0. (Roll call vote: CH, KN, GT, CVL, GW,
21 WM, GC).
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23 **7:28 Land Management Discussion, Agent's Report on baseline documentation results**
24 **for various properties**

25 The Agent showed the Commission a Locus Map of the properties that are either in the care
26 and the custody of the Conservation Commission, or that have a Conservation Restriction (CR)
27 on them. The Agent explained that encroachment was an issue on all properties. The Agent
28 also explained the results of a recent inspection to the Stoneybrook CR, and the Annesi
29 property. The Agent had attended the inspection with Mr. Toledo. Mr. Toledo confirmed the
30 Agent's findings stating that trees were cut down with an axe in some areas.
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32 The Agent concluded the discussion by talking about the next steps. One step includes sending
33 a letter to all abutters from Conservation Lands and CR properties. The Commission stated
34 that the letter should attach the rules from the protocols which were approved by the
35 Commission in November of 2018. The Agent recommended that conservation boundary
36 markers should be installed at all of the properties. The Commission agreed, and suggested
37 that the abutter letter will have information regarding the installation of the boundary markers.
38 Mr. Crouch suggested doing this when the State of Emergency is lifted.
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40 The Commission also reviewed a draft Warren Woods Trail Map. The Agent explained that it
41 was a working progress. The Commission suggested adding a few features to the map, which
42 included the following:

- 43 • Fields
- 44 • Upland Link Trail
- 45 • Color code the trails based on the original map
- 46 • Kiosks
- 47 • Extend the Eliot Street trail to connect with the roadway

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49 The Commission discussed adding aerial photography. Mr. Moulton suggested using base
50 layers from ArcGIS. Mr. Moulton said that he has a pro license, and that the base layer may
51 not be available with a basic license.

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53 Mr. Wands asked about the erosion to the trails and what can be done to fix the trails. [The
54 erosion was caused by the replacement of a pipe at a basin off, and site clearing off of
55 Summitpointe Drive]. The Commission discussed the use of erosion control BMPs such as
56 installing straw, and discussed the use of installing logs or branches to divert the water away
57 from the trail. Mr. Moulton said that they can reroute the trail as another option.

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59 **8:58 Review Template Checklist for SMP**

60 The Commission reviewed a template checklist for the Stormwater Management Permit, and
61 made some changes.

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63 **9:07 Adjournment**

64 Ms. Van Lancker made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Moulton to adjourn
65 the meeting. Motion passed 6-0-0. (Roll call vote: CH, GT, CVL, GW, WM, GC)

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67 **Documents Reviewed by the Conservation Commission on 5/ 4 / 2020**

- 68 • Document entitled, *Conservation Commission Agenda* dated 5/ 4 /2020
- 69 • Document entitled *Meeting Minutes Ashland Conservation Commission* dated
70 4/27/2020
- 71 • Document entitled, *Conservation Land and Restrictions* dated 10/3/2019
- 72 • Document entitled, *Warren Woods Trail Map DRAFT*
- 73 • Document entitled, *Applicant Checklist for an SMP*