

1 **Minutes of the Ashland Community Preservation Committee**
2 **Tuesday May 5,2020**
3 **Zoom Online Meeting**

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5 In Attendance: Aaron Ladd, Gretchen Bravacos, Cathy Van Lancker, Amy Sayed (joined at 8:15pm), Joe
6 Rubertone, Devin Cashman

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8 Guests: Brian Forestal, Rob St. Germain, Martin Ring, Stephen Mitchell, Preston Crow

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10 Mr. Ladd called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm

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12 Applications Review

13 1. Town Forest 2020 projects

14 Presentation by Rob St. Germain for application update. Gave an updated map to show the location of
15 the rain garden and deer exclosures within the town forest. Rain garden design has been approved by
16 the Conservation Commission. Showed a deer exclosure, and what it would look like with 7' fencing, and
17 cost details. Presented an example of town forest boundary marker which would be installed every 100'
18 along the boundary of the forest. Mr. St. Germain also presented the design for the rain garden. It was
19 indicated that plantings would not be installed until 2021 depending on approvals.

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21 Motion by Ms Van Lancker 2nd by Ms. Bravacos to approve application for \$9,700 for the Town Forest
22 2020 Projects. Approved 5-0 by the committee

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24 2. Upper Charles Trail

25 Presentation by Martin Ring for application. Gave a presentation outlining a preliminary \$265,000 cost
26 estimate for the trail project. However, it includes a sidewalk section along Megunko Road to connect to
27 cherry street and that would be removed from CPC application consideration. The committee asked that
28 conservation commission be included in discussions, given proximity to wetlands. Mr. Ladd asked about
29 the connecting trail at Megunko road and impact on the business there and how cars would be
30 separated from trail users, Mr. Ring will investigate and ask for more specifics in the design from the
31 engineer. The committee discussed using asphalt vs cinder for surfacing and asked that two estimates
32 be provided, and conservation commission be consulted for their opinion at the same time so CPC could
33 approve funding for what works in conjunction. The committee asked that funding for signage of the
34 trail at both ends be included in the estimate to help with wayfinding and trail recognition. Mr. Ring will
35 make an updated presentation at June meeting after feedback from engineer and the town.

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37 Motion by Ms. Van Lancker, Seconded by Ms. Bravacos to approve February 4th minutes as amended by
38 vote 6-0-0

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40 Next Meeting scheduled for June 2nd @ 7:30pm

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42 Motion to adjourned by Ms. Bravacos, Seconded by Ms. Van Lancker at 8:45 pm approved by vote 6-0-0.