



Town of Ashland

MASSACHUSETTS

MEETING MINUTES
ASHLAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION
May 20, 2019

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2 Present: Gene Crouch (Chair) 7:16 pm
3 William Moulton (Vice Chair)
4 Carl Hakansson
5 Cathy Van Lancker
6 Greg Wands
7 K.G. Narayana
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10 Absent: Jeff Lingham
11 Maeghan Dos Anjos (Agent)
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14 **Call to order: 7:08 P.M.**
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16 **7:09 Land Stewardship Committee**

17 Mr. Narayana made a motion, seconded by Ms. Van Lancker, to reappoint Mr. Couch to the Land
18 Stewardship Committee. Motion passed 5-0-0
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20 **7:10 Request for COC 95-852, NOC 2014-02 and NOC 2014-04**

21 Discussed the request for COC. Decided to table discussion to the end of the meeting.
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23 **7:16 RDA, Town of Ashland – Upper Charles Trail Committee, trail maintenance**

24 Greg Wands recused himself.
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26 Matt Marshquist was present for the discussion. Mr. Marshquist, a member of the Friends of
27 the Ashland Upper Charles Trail, stated vegetation along the old trolley line has become
28 overgrown and the committee would like to clear it. They would clear a 16-foot wide path on
29 the trail from the MBTA Access Road and Megunko Road. Mr. Joel Arbeitman from the Upper
30 Charles Trail Committee commented the about scope of trail clearing and eventual plans for
31 the trail. He asked what would be needed for construction of a developed trail. Mr. Crouch
32 asked if the wetland boundary has been delineated. Mr. Marshquist stated that Ms. Dos Anjos
33 has walked the trail. Mr. Couch had concerns that not knowing where the wetland line is
34 located, that they may go into the wetland. Mr. Tony Lewis commented about FEMA flood
35 plain. Mr. Couch stated that FEMA floodplain is part of the commission's jurisdiction. Mr.
36 Arbeitman commented that the committee's vision for the trail. They are hoping to get a grant
37 for design and them CPC funds for construction. Mr. Couch stated the DEP requirements for
38 rail trails and that old rail beds are considered contaminated. Mr. Hakansson commented on the
39 wetlands delineation and not knowing the impact on the wetlands. He also informed Mr.
40 Arbeitman of other possible filings that may be required. Mr. Michael Herbert stated they will
41 look for previous plans for the area that may show wetland delineation. A site visit was
42 discussed. One site visit is scheduled for Sunday May 26th at 9:00 AM, with Ms. Van Lancker

43 and Mr. Moulton attending. A second site visit is scheduled for Sunday June 2nd at 9:00 AM
44 with Mr. Crouch and Mr. Hakansson.

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46 Ms. Van Lancker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moulton to continue the hearing until June
47 10, 2019. Motion passed 6-0-0.

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49 Mr. Wands returned at 8:10 pm

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51 **8:10 95-926 NOI/SMP, Eversource, Hopkinton to Ashland Transfer Line, gas line**
52 **replacement from Hardwick Road to Cedar St.**

53 Mr. Moulton and Mr. Crouch recused themselves for the hearing.

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55 Mr. Hakansson opened the meeting. At the request of the applicant, Ms. Van Lancker made a
56 motion, seconded by Mr. Narayana to continue the meeting to June 24th at 7:00 PM. Motion
57 passed 4-0-0.

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59 Mr. Matt Varrel from Lucas Environmental is the peer reviewer for the Eversource filing and
60 introduced themselves to the committee. He has over 25 years of experience as a Professional
61 Wetland Scientist. He is familiar with the project. He was involved with permitting of the
62 Hopkinton portion of the project.

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64 Mr. Moulton and Mr. Crouch returned to the public hearing.

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66 **8:28 Continued discussion of Request for COC 95-852, NOC 2014-02 and NOC 2014-04**

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68 The commission reviewed the plans and information on 95-852, SMP 2014-02 and 2014-04.
69 There was confusion about the COC & NOC requests, plans, what COC had been issued
70 previously and what work has been done. The commission decided to table the discussion to
71 the next meeting when Ms. Dos Anjos will be present.

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73 **8:49 Member Prerogative**

74 Mr. Wands stated there is increased erosion problems on Warren Woods trails caused by the
75 failure of the detention basin at the Summit Pointe subdivision in Holliston.

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77 **9:02 Adjournment**

78 Mr. Ms. Van Lancker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Narayana to adjourn the meeting.
79 Motion passed 6-0-0.

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81 **Documents Reviewed by the Conservation Commission on 5/ 20 / 2019**

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- 83 • Conservation Commission Agenda 5-20-2019
 - 84 • Conservation Commission Breakdown Agenda 5-20-2019
 - 85 • Document entitled, *Request for COC 95-852*
 - 86 • Document entitled, *Notice of Completion 2014-02*
 - 87 • Document entitled, *Notice of Completion 2014-04*
 - 88 • Document entitled, *Notice of Intent 95-852*
 - 89 • Document entitled, *Stormwater Management Plan, Whittemore Drive, Ashland, MA*
 - RDA, Town of Ashland, Upper Charles Trail maintenance