

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

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5 In Attendance: Aaron Ladd, Donna Saul, Cathy Van Lancker, Amy Sayed, Joe Rubertone, Devin Cashman

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7 Guests: Martin Ring, Joel Arbeitman, William Paille (BSC Group)

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9 Mr. Ladd called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm

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11 Applications Review

12 1. Upper Charles Trail, Trolley Brook Trail

13 Presentation by William Paille from BSC Group. Gave a presentation outlining an update \$335,000 cost
14 estimate for the trail project. It included a crosswalk and HAWK signal at MBTA access road. It described
15 100' of grading at less than 5% to get from the trail to the road. There was discussion if the trail should
16 go directly to the road or parallel the existing guard-rail and head toward rt 135 before crossing. Mr.
17 Paille said he would look at design for both options. The trail will also explore whether it needs a culvert
18 of small bridge 200' into the trail. The trail is currently 12' wide. The budget estimate includes a 10%
19 contingency for costs.

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21 The committee discussed the budget impact of pavement vs cinder which was \$60,000 more for
22 pavement and committee agreed saving funds and building a more natural substance in a wooded area
23 made sense. Mr. Arbeitman commented that the trail surface should attempt to consistent throughout
24 the upper Charles trail.

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26 The committee asked about potential tree clearing and Mr. Paille would investigate while doing a survey
27 of existing conditions in the upcoming weeks. Mr. Paille also showed a Megunko connection that
28 included screening of the existing building and a small park area with seating and a kiosk. The
29 committee asked if a kiosk from the MBTA access road could also be included, but one that did not
30 interfere with connection to possible YMCA construction in the future. The committee discussed the
31 need to coordinate potential connection to the Y in the future and avoid multiple crossings of the MBTA
32 access road. Mr. Paille indicated that construction vehicles would enter from the Megunko road
33 entrance, and he would be coordinating with the business owner there about screening the trail.

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35 Mr. Arbeitman wanted to indicate the importance of showing this trail within the context of the entire
36 Upper Charles trail for consistency. He raised concern about crossing MBTA access road, without
37 planning for connections to the Y. He also suggested the possibility of a dock or pull off area near the
38 pond area for people to observe the wildlife, he commented outdoor seating or viewing platform would
39 be better here than near Megunko.

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41 Mr. Paille planned to be back at the July 7th meeting with updated cost estimates assuming a cinder trail,
42 and after learning more from the survey.

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- 1 Motion by Ms. Van Lancker, Seconded by Ms. Sayed to approve May 5th minutes as amended by vote 6-
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- 4 Next Meeting scheduled for July 7th @ 7:30pm
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- 6 Motion to adjourn by Ms. Sayed, Seconded by Ms. Van Lancker at 8:45 pm approved by vote 6-0-0.