



# Town of Ashland

## MASSACHUSETTS

### Valentine Restriction Sub-Committee Meeting Meeting Minutes June 15, 2021

Sub-committee members in attendance: Steve Mitchell & Brandi Kinsman  
Additional attendees: Michael Herbert, Myles Concannon, Cedrik Bacon, Scott Lubell, Margy Gassel, Judy Eneguess, Susan Schare, Robin Hicks, Cyndi Hicks

Steve Mitchell called the meeting to order at 2:17pm.

Because at the time of this meeting, the governor had not signed an extension or the remote meeting provisions of the Executive Order during Covid, Steven and Brandi are meeting in-person in Town Hall. All other members are participating via Zoom.

Brandi outlined some ground rules for this sub-committee. Both Brandi and Steve were appointed by the Select Board to draft the historical and conservation restrictions on the Valentine property and that is the scope of this project. We want it to be an inclusive and collaborative process with respectful discussion.

Steve discussed the process and the source materials that we will be reviewing. This includes the work that the Valentine Committee did, confirming the community uses, model restriction document from the Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs, other restriction documents such as Southboro Beals Trust and Hingham Preservation Restriction, as well as solicit public input.

Michael explained that with the CPA restrictions and Article 97 restrictions we need to cross-reference what is allowable and doable. With the restrictions, the town could be the holder of the restrictions if it doesn't own the property. Or there could be another holder for the restrictions if the town does own property.

Myles asked about 501c3 and was concerned about relinquishing property.

If there is a 501c3 involved, they could own the property & town could hold restrictions. Or town could own property and find a holder who would bear responsibility for enforcing restrictions. An example is the National Park Service.

Susan mentioned the Chestnut Hill Farm in Southboro renovation and restoration. The town holds CR. Susan to send out info to the group.

Scott wanted to review core principles and implications of Article 97 to understand the umbrella that we're working under and also understand CPA. Steve said the group will go through that at the next meeting.

Robin asked if we reached out to Conservation Commission. Steve said we will as needed and the historical commission as well.

Michael informed the group that Town Meeting article passed on 6/12 utilizing CPA funds to do foundation and roof repairs.

Discussed next meeting time- tentatively set for Monday July 12th at 6:30.

Steve made motion to adjourn. Passed 2-0. Meeting adjourned at 2:50pm.

Respectfully submitted by Brandi Kinsman