

1 **Final Minutes of the Ashland Community Preservation Committee**  
2 **Tuesday July 7,2020**  
3 **Zoom Online Meeting**

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5 In Attendance: Aaron Ladd, Gretchen Bravacos, Cathy Van Lancker, Amy Sayed, Joe Rubertone,

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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 Upper Charles Trail, Trolley Brook Trail

13 Presentation by William Paille from BSC Group:

14 The BSC did survey work along the trail and shared the findings. At the MBTA access road, the BSC group  
15 was recommending connecting the trail past the guard-rail to an area which would allow for crossing of  
16 the road. The survey findings indicated this slope may require paving due to the substructure needed to  
17 avoid erosion. Mr. Paille gave examples of the use of wood vs steel and provided illustrations of what a  
18 small bridge would look like along the trail.

19 Ms. Sayed asked if the bridge was in the flood plain and if the design allowed for that. Ms. Sayed also  
20 asked if the bridge would need to be illuminated to match previous requests to light bridges in town for  
21 other projects. Mr. Arbeitman commented that the Upper Charles Trail committee was looking at doing  
22 permeable hot pavement for the trail to allow for more types of users to access the trail. Mr. Paille  
23 commented that a notice of intent (NOI) would be needed for the bridge, and that they would work with  
24 the Conservation Committee to determine if a culver, or bridge would be needed and impacts. Mr.  
25 Arbeitman commented that most bridges in the town forest do not have lighting, and that Mill Pond  
26 Park lighting was about creating a showpiece. Mr. Paille said he would prepare cost estimates, if needed,  
27 for lighting the bridge and would present costs of different types of bridges at future meetings. Mr.  
28 Arbeitman commented that the Upper Charles Trail Committee was no longer considering an overlook  
29 deck along the pond area at this time, but deferred this idea to future planning. The upper Charles Trail  
30 Committee also thought that stone dust would not be appropriate for this trail because it wouldn't allow  
31 it to be cleared of snow so that kids could use it to walk to middle school, nor would it allow usage of  
32 skateboards or wheelchairs. Mr. Paille commented that he would present pros and cons of surface types  
33 based on survey work, and provide better estimates of costs by the end of summer.

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35 Ms. Van Lancker moved to approve the June 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting minutes as amended. Ms. Sayed seconded the  
36 motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0-0

37 Ms. Van Lancker moved to approve the June 29<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes as amended. Ms. Sayed seconded  
38 the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0-0

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40 The Affordable Housing Trust Update on budget appropriations and future plans of their committee  
41 agenda item was postponed to a future meeting

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43 **New Business**

1 Mr. Ladd presented the Town Forest Committee 's request for \$92.42 funds to cover small change  
2 orders in recent work to help complete projects.

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4 Ms. Van Lancker moved to approve the Town Forest Committee's request of \$92.42 to cover small  
5 change orders and that it be paid out of the Administrative fund, Ms. Sayed seconded the motion. The  
6 motion passed by a vote of 5-0-0

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8 Next Meeting scheduled for August 11<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30pm

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10 Ms. Sayed moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Van Lancker. The motion  
11 passed by a vote 5-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45