



# Town of Ashland

MASSACHUSETTS

MEETING MINUTES  
ASHLAND TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE  
PLANNING MEETING  
Ashland Town Forest  
Cul-de-Sac on Woodbridge Lane

August 2, 2020 9:00 AM

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2 Present: Brian Forestal (Chair)  
3 Michael Jones (Vice Chair)  
4 William Moulton (Secretary)  
5 Cathy Rooney  
6 Robert St. Germain  
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8 Public: Joel Arbeitman, 28 Woodbridge Lane  
9 Roberta Soolman, 28 Woodbridge Lane  
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12 **Call to order: 9:00 AM**  
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14 The committee discussed a possible trail reroute on the south side of water tank from the water  
15 tank road near intersection 42 to near intersection 43. Committee consensus was that this  
16 reroute was not a desired option.  
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18 At intersection 41 and 42, Mr. Arbeitman and Ms. Soolman presented their proposal for the  
19 yellow trail reroute to come out just west of intersection 42. The committee still needed to  
20 explore the other options. The committee also discussed their blue trail reroute at intersection  
21 41 and 42 to move it away from the water tank road. The committee didn't feel the blue trail  
22 reroute at this location was necessary.  
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24 The group proceeded to the yellow trail near intersection 43. Looked at possible start locations  
25 for yellow trails reroute. There were concerns about the steepness of the terrain at the location.  
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27 Mr. St. Germain took the group to a location on the yellow trail between intersection 44 and 45  
28 approximately 50 feet south of electric pole 69A near a stone wall. The group hiked through  
29 the woods north of the water tank. Came out onto the blue trail west of intersection 42 and east  
30 of intersection 35. Proceeded west down the blue trail to intersection 35. The committee  
31 evaluated the reroute coming out at 35 but deemed the spur trail too steep as not feasible and  
32 felt the spur should be eliminated.  
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34 The group proceeded west on the blue trail to intersection 36. The committee evaluated the  
35 terrain at the intersection. The committee came to a consensus that the yellow trail reroute from  
36 the power lines between intersections 44 & 45 to intersection 36 was the best option. The  
37 group walked back along the proposed path for the yellow trail reroute and then to the  
38 Woodridge cul-de-sac.

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40 **10:52 AM Adjournment.**

41 Mr. Moulton motioned, seconded by Mr. St. Germain, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed  
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44 **Documents Reviewed by the Town Forest Committee on 08/02/2020**

45 • Town Forest Committee Agenda 2020-07-26

46 • Document entitled, *Joel-Yellow&blue Re-route Proposal*

47 • Document entitled, *Alternative yel reroute 200801*