MEETING MINUTES
ASHLAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION
September 9, 2019

Present: William Moulton (Vice Chair)
        Carl Hakansson
        Cathy Van Lancker
        K.G. Narayana
        Greg Wands
        Maeghan Dos Anjos (Agent)

Absent: Gene Crouch (Chair)

Call to order: 7:01 P.M.

7:02  Review OOC for Virginia Gentile, 10 Wenzell Road, addition a deck
Ms. Virginia Gentile was present for the meeting.

The Commission reviewed a draft OOC for 10 Wenzell Road with a DEP File Number of 95-933. Some edits were made.

Ms. Van Lancker made a motion seconded by Mr. Narayana to issue the OOC as amended. Motion passed 5-0-0.

7:16  RDA, Town of Ashland- Department of Public Works, 0 Pleasant Street,
      Marathon Park Improvements
Mr. Evan White (Town of Ashland- Project Engineer) was present for the meeting. Mr. White described that the project is part of the Complete Streets Program, and Chapter 90 to enhance pedestrian safety. The work will consist of the construction of an ADA compliant curb-ramp at the existing crosswalk. Mr. White mentioned that Daigle Construction will do the work.

The Agent mentioned the flood elevation and the elevation where work will take place.

Ms. Van Lancker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Narayana to issue a Negative #3 DOA. Motion passed 5-0-0.

7:20  RDA, Frank Lopes, 9 Holly Lane, tree removal, and shed installation
Mr. Frank Lopes (Applicant/Owner) was present for the meeting. Mr. Lopes stated that his insurance company required a tree within the wetland to be removed, and that he would like to install a shed within the 100 foot Buffer Zone. The shed will be out of the 25 foot No Disturb Zone.

Ms. Van Lancker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Narayana to issue a Negative #3 DOA. Motion passed 5-0-0.
Mr. Moulton opened the Mass DOT hearing
Mr. Moulton stated that a request for continuance was submitted to the Commission.

The Agent stated that the current agenda incorrectly posted September 23, 2019 as the request for continuance date, but that the date was actually October 7, 2019.

Mr. Narayana made a motion, seconded by Ms. Van Lancker to continue the hearing to September 23, 2019. Motion passed 5-0-0. The Commission will continue this hearing on September 23, 2019, to October 7, 2019.

NOI/SMP, 95-929, William Rodenhiser, 81 West Union Street, two commercial buildings, and associated work (continued from 8/12/2019)
Mr. Darren Grady (Representative- Grady Consulting), Mr. Peter Barbieri (Representative- Fletcher and Tilton), and Mr. Rodenhiser (Applicant) were present for the hearing.

Mr. Grady reviewed information on sheets 3 and 2A and described the soil borings that were done at the request of the Commission per the last meeting. Mr. Barbieri stated that they are scheduled to go back in front of the Planning Board for September 26, 2019. The Commission reviewed an e-mail from Mr. Grady dated September 9, 2019.

Mr. Grady said that a manhole was added between UC3 and UC4, and that he moved the system away from the area demarcated as “ledge” on the plans. Mr. Grady also reviewed the changes to Sheet 8, which included a change to the filter fabric, and an edit to a typo on the sheet.

Mr. Hakansson asked about stockpiling and suggested that it be added as a condition to the OOC. Mr. Hakansson suggested that the Agent speak with the Planner to ensure that conditions are in compliance with both the OOC and the Planning Board Decision.

Mr. Rodenhiser said that we had mentioned that water cannons will be used to control dust. Mr. Rodenhiser further stated that it will be automated.

Mr. Hakansson asked if it was one lot. Mr. Barbieri stated that it is one lot with a commercial association to govern the business there. The Agent asked about stormwater BMPs and how these will be managed. Mr. Barbieri stated that it will be managed by the commercial association and that it will be recorded within the deeds as required by the Planning Board. The Agent asked who ensures that the association is properly managing the BMPs. Mr. Barbieri stated that it will be outlined out in the language to go on the deed.

The Commission opened the hearing to the public.

Mr. Emory Bond asked about the dust control and stockpiling. Mr. Hakansson asked if he presented that information to the Planning Board. Mr. Bond stated that he did. Mr. Hakansson asked about the Planning Board’s response.
The Commission further discussed how and when stockpiles and dust triggers the Commission. Mr. Hakansson suggested adding a footnote as to who to call for certain concerns that arise during construction.

Mr. Narayana, made a motion, seconded by Ms. Van Lancker to continue the hearing to October 7, 2019. Motion passed 5-0-0.

8:09 Request for COC, 95-871, Dan Aho, Olive Street, sewer work
The Agent stated that after the last meeting (September 9, 2019) she met with a contractor of Mr. Aho. The visit was necessary after a dip in the road was found prior to the September 9, 2019, Conservation Commission Meeting. Mr. Aho’s contractor stated that the dip was caused by over compaction. The contractor fixed it after the last meeting. The Agent stated that a Complete COC can be issued.

Ms. Van Lancker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Narayana to issue a Complete COC. Motion passed 5-0-0.

8:10 Request for COC 95-905, Dan Aho, 222 and 224 Oak Street
The Agent stated that work has finalized, and that the site is stabilized. She recommended a Complete COC.

Ms. Van Lancker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Narayana to issue a Complete COC. Motion passed 5-0-0.

8:13 Request for COC, 95-886, Orlando Enterprises, 0 Megunko Road, landscape facility
The Commission suggested that this be tabled for when all members of the Commission are present.

The item was tabled.

8:18 Appoint a member to the Community Preservation Committee
The Commission spoke about a member that needs to be recommended to the Community Preservation Committee, to represent the Conservation Commission.

Mr. Narayana made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wands to appoint Ms. Van Lancker to the Community Preservation Committee. The motion passed. 5-0-0.

8:19 Member Prerogative
Mr. Hakansson spoke about Warren Woods and that a pipe was installed across Eliot Street and draining to Warren Woods, but that it is impacting Mr. Hanna’s property. Mr. Hakansson said that during Phases III and IV of the Lanterns at Warren Woods complex, all of the water was flooding the utilities and the Lantern’s site and that the developer and DPW met to resolve the problem by keeping a barrier as the basin was not yet completed. The Green Company wanted to remove the pipe, but DPW thought it was better to leave it in place until they can verify that the flooding is no longer an issue.
Mr. Hakansson also mentioned the Shed at Warren Woods and that DPW and the Police were allowed to store stuff in there, but that it may not be allowed under the conditions of the CR. Mr. Hakansson further reminded the Commission of the restrictions of Warren Woods and Eliot Street.

The Agent asked Mr. Hakansson to give her access to the shed. The Agent stated that she had never been inside and that she wanted to know what is being stored, and what needs to be stored there for the Committee. Mr. Hakansson said that Mr. Foster has the key.

8:40  Agent Announcements
The Agent spoke about the OOC that was issued to Brett and Nadine Abigana (95-893). The Agent reminded the Commission of what happened with this Order and reminded the Commission of the last meeting. The Agent said that the next step is to close out the file. The Agent suggested a few items. The Commission felt that the best way to close out the file is with the issuance of a COC. The Agent agreed.

The Agent stated that work will start for 12 Wilson Circle, and the Citizens Solar Project.

8:50  Sign Documents
OOC  95-933, Virginia Gentile, 10 Wenzell Road, addition and deck
COC  95-871, Dan Aho, Olive Street, sewer work
COC  95-905, Dan Aho, 222 and 224 Oak Street

9:00  Adjournment
Mr. Wands made a motion, seconded by Mr. Narayana to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Documents Reviewed by the Conservation Commission on 9/9/2019

- Conservation Commission Agenda 9-9-2019
- Document entitled, Findings of Fact: 10 Wenzell Rd.
- Document entitled, Request for Determination of Applicability for Town of Ashland-DPW, and dated 8/23/2019
- Document entitled, Request for Determination of Applicability for Frank Lopes, 9 Holly Lane and dated 8/15/2019
- Email from Darren Grady, with a subject line of 81 West Union Street- Planning Board, and dated September 9, 2019.
- Plans entitled, Phase 2 Site Plan: 81 West Union Street, dated September 9, 2019