MEETING MINUTES
ASHLAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION
September 23, 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:  7:03 P.M.

7:03 Request for Extension, 95-886, Orlando Enterprises, 0 Megunko Road, landscape facility
Mr. Mark Orlando (Applicant) was present for the discussion.
Mr. Hakansson explained that it would be beneficial to have the full board present to do a
review of the extension and to make a motion for any vote that will be made. Mr. Hakansson
recommended that the Applicant come back when there is a full board. Mr. Orlando agreed,
and the matter is tabled for October 7, 2019.

7:16 Request for COC, 95-553, William Carroll III, 7 Independence Lane
The Agent stated that this came before the Commission in October of 2016, and that a
Certificate of Compliance was issued, but was never recorded. The Agent stated that they are
looking for a reissuance of that Certificate.
Ms. Van Lancker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Narayana to issue a reissuance of the
original COC. Motion passed 5-0-0.

7:17 RDA, Town of Ashland- Town Forest Committee, Oregon Road, boardwalk

Mr. William Moulton recused himself from the meeting.

Mike Jones (Vice Chair of Town Forest Committee) was present for the meeting. Mr. Jones
explained that the boardwalk will prevent further erosion from foot and bicycle traffic. Mr.
Jones mentioned that work will be done by a Boy Scout. Mr. Hakansson commended the
Town Forest Committee for allowing Boy Scouts to do the project, but recommended that the
Boy Scout file the paperwork in the future, as it will be good for public speaking, and will also
allow the Scout to learn the process involved in these kinds of projects.
Mr. Wands made a motion, seconded by Mr. Narayana to issue a Negative #3 DOA. Motion passed 4-0-0.

Mr. William Moulton returned to the meeting.

7:25  NOI, 95-931, Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Route 126 (Pond Street), drainage, traffic, and safety improvements (continued from 9/9/2019) (continuing to 10/7/2019)
Mr. Moulton stated that a request for continuance was submitted to the Commission.

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

Mr. Moulton recused himself from the Eversource hearing.

7:27  95-926, NOI/SMP, Eversource, Hopkinton to Ashland Transfer Line, gas line replacement from Hardwick Rd to Cedar St (continued from 8/26/2019)
Ms. Van Lancker opened the hearing stating that the Applicant requested a continuance.

Mr. Narayana, made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wands to continue the hearing to October 21, 2019.

Mr. Moulton returned to the meeting

7:30  Request for COC, 95-893, Brett and Nadine Abigana, 28 Old Central Turnpike, mitigation
The Agent reminded the Commission of 28 Old Central Turnpike and the permitting and violation history. The Commission recalled the discrepancies and miscommunication that led to the requirement of a NOI to be submitted to the Commission. The Commission also acknowledged that at a previous meeting, the Commission had stated that the mitigation area was not required given the discrepancies and miscommunication that previously took place.

The Agent asked the Commission about closing the file, and stated that the OOC was not recorded at the Registry of Deeds. The Commission discussed a few options to close the file. These options included the following:

1. Record the OOC, and then record the COC
2. Do not record the OOC or the COC,
3. Potential of revoking the permit.

The Commission asked the Agent to look into Option 3 first, but was unsure how that would affect the copy at DEP. The Commission stated that if Option 3 was not feasible, then Option 1 should be pursued.

7:45  Request for Extension, 95-844, Lot 4 Harrington Drive, single family home
The Commission reviewed a letter from DEP. The Agent stated that she had corresponded with the wetland scientist, Matthew Marro, earlier in the day. Mr. Marro had agreed with the Agent when she had stated that since DEP was denying the request for COC, it would be best for the Conservation Commission to mirror DEP’s denial. While Mr. Marro agreed with the Agent for the Commission to deny the Request for Extension, he stated that the Commission should acknowledge that he will need to submit a Request for a COC, and the Commission will need to issue an Invalid COC as work never started, with the exception of land clearing.

Ms. Van Lancker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Narayana to deny the Request for the Extension for Lot 4, Harrington Drive. Motion passed 5-0-0.

7:49 Review of the August 26, 2019, Meeting Minutes
The Commission reviewed the Meeting Minutes from August 26, 2019.

Mr. Wands made a motion, seconded by Ms. Van Lancker, to accept the August 26, 2019, Meeting Minutes as amended. Motion passed 5-0-0.

7:51 Member Prerogative
Mr. Hakansson spoke about Upswing Farm, because of a recent social media post. The post stated that the Upswing Farm may be moving to 22 Eliot Street. Mr. Hakansson stated that Ms. Van Lancker had to respond to the post stating that they would not be moving to 22 Eliot Street.

Mr. Hakansson stated that the Land Stewardship Committee did another mowing at Warren Woods in an effort to keep the weeds down. Mr. Hakansson also stated that they have not been able to do more than one haying so they had the soil tested, which turned out to be very acidic. The Commission asked about the timing of haying. Mr. Hakansson stated that it is typically done in June, August, and the fall, but at Warren Woods, it’s is usually done only in July.

Mr. Hakansson also stated that Gabriel Toledo (present) is interested in filling the vacant seat with the Conservation Commission. Mr. Toledo is a student at Framingham State University. The Commission introduced themselves and provided a brief background from themselves.

8:20 Sign Documents
DOA Town of Ashland- Town Forest Committee, 0 Oregon Road (Town Forest), boardwalk
DOA Town of Ashland- DPW, Marathon Park, Pleasant Street, park improvements
DOA Frank Lopes, 9 Holly Lane, proposed shed
COC 95-553, William Carroll III, 7 Independence Lane (reissuance)

8:27 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 / 23 / 2019
- Conservation Commission Agenda 9-23-2019
- Document entitled, Meeting Minutes 8/26/2019
• Document entitled, *Determination of Applicability* for Town of Ashland-Town Forest Committee and dated 9/9/2019