Present: Gene Crouch (Chair)  
William Moulton (Vice Chair)  
Cathy Van Lancker (entered at 7:07 p.m.)  
Carl Hakansson  
K.G. Narayana  
Greg Wands  
Maeghan Dos Anjos (Agent)

Call to order: 7:05 P.M.

7:05  SMP, Bohler Engineering, 320 Pond Street, waiver request from stormwater management permit

Mr. Nathan Mahonen (Bohler Engineering) was present for the discussion. The project consists of the renovation of an existing building (former Blockbuster). The change in use triggered a Site Plan Review, which triggers the filing of a Stormwater Management Permit. A new grease trap will be added. Stormwater runoff will be directed to the existing retention pond. Landscaping is also included as part of the application to the Planning Board.

Mr. Mahonen stated that the stormwater has been reviewed as part of the peer review process held by the Planning Board. A decision by the Planning Board has been issued. Mr. Mahonen further explained that the Operations and Maintenance Plan will be on file. The Commission asked about inverts and asked Mr. Mahonen to evaluate the inlets of the structures leading to the retention basin. Mr. Mahonen agreed to do so.

Paved parking areas will be removed, and new islands will be added. An exterior patio will be installed, and 12 additional spaces will be added.

Mr. Hakansson asked why the Commission didn’t receive anything from the Planning Board. The Agent stated that she had not received anything. Mr. Narayana asked if the proposed plantings will obstruct sight lines. Mr. Crouch asked about the quantity of catch basins on site, and asked the owner to look at deep sumps. Mr. Moulton asked about the language assigned by the Planning Board in regards to the stormwater BMPs. Mr. Mahonen stated that the decision required new hoods to be installed.

Mr. Crouch stated that there is a minor increase (of .8%) of impervious surfaces on the total lot area, and asked if the Planning Board was okay with that. Mr. Crouch also asked if they received a waiver from the Planning Board to address stormwater volume.

Mr. Hakansson stated that what bothers him, is that the Commission did not know.
Mr. Crouch asked if the waiver can be issued with conditions. Mr. Crouch encouraged Mr. Mahonen to open the grates of the catch basins and if four foot sumps are present than Mr. Crouch is comfortable with the waiver. Mr. Crouch stated that if sumps are not present, a SMP should be filed.

Mr. Hakansson stated that in the absence of review by the Planning Board, he thinks that the plans should be submitted to the Commission before a waiver is requested.

Mr. Crouch said that a detail should be added for a deep sump. Mr. Mahonen said that CB-1 does not have an invert, it has top of water. Mr. Crouch explained that if it is top of water, CB-1 would not be draining.

Mr. Hakansson directed the Agent to ask the DPW Director if there is anything on record of flooding problems on site. Ms. Van Lancker requested that a copy of the peer review documents be submitted to the Conservation Commission.

7:30  Minor Plan Change, 95-915, Felipe Drumond, 12 Wilson Circle, change footprint of house and driveway

Mr. Felipe Drumond (Applicant) was present for the discussion. Mr. Drumond showed the Commission revised plans which show changes consisting of grading changes, an increase of the square footage of the home, and a change to the driveway.

Mr. Narayana made a motion, seconded by Ms. Van Lancker to issue the Minor Plan Change for 12 Wilson Circle. Motion passed. 6-0-0

7:41  RDA, Town of Ashland- David Foster, 133 West Union Street, temporary bridge

Mr. David Foster (Applicant) was present for the meeting.

The Agent clarified an area depicted on the plans as “vegetative clearing”, was really selective pruning and clearing. Mr. Foster stated that major trees will remain intact.

Mr. Crouch stated that Mr. Foster, Mr. Hakansson, and himself did a site visit last Friday, where they had discussed the removal of oriental bittersweet (*Celastrus orbiculatus*). Mr. Crouch advised against pulling cut vines from mature trees, as pulling the vines can damage the tree limbs. The Commission discussed the temporary crossing and either using steel plates or swamp mats. Mr. Wands did not think that that steel plates would work. Mr. Crouch suggested swamp mats.

Mr. Hakansson requested that some vegetation be removed. Mr. Hakansson said that the older erosion controls could be useful. Mr. Foster stated that he would be worried that equipment could get caught in the erosion controls. Mr. Moulton asked about the location of the silt fence. Mr. Crouch said where it was.

Mr. Hakansson explained that when Stumpy’s came to the site, they could not get out there, because of the wetland systems.
Mr. Crouch asked Mr. Foster if he has any idea of a timeline. Mr. Foster said that he does not, and explained that he has a limited budgeted and that he needs to obtain quotes. Mr. Foster further explained that he wanted to get past this stage to get an understanding of what he can and cannot do with the property.

Ms. Van Lancker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Narayana, to issue a Negative 2, and 3, DOA. Motion passed 6-0-0.

7:35  Agent’s Announcements- 95-859, OOC, 1 Vine Street
Mr. Mayckon Gasper (Applicant) was present for the discussion.

The Agent stated that by comparing the As-built plans to the Approved Plans, the roof recharge systems did not appear to be installed. The Agent stated that the initial plans submitted as part of the NOI, showed the roof recharge systems, and that they were not built as was proposed. The Agent also stated that the OOC does not have a separate condition requiring the recharge systems. Mr. Moulton said that the Commission had expected them to be installed as part of the submittal.

Mr. Gasper explained the location of the down spouts, and where the roof drains daylight. Mr. Gasper said that the plans required the roof recharge system to be 17 feet long by five feet wide.

Mr. Crouch said that Mr. Gasper can do one of two options:

1. Build the roof recharge system as designed
2. Build something different that the Commission can approve.

The Commission discussed other options such as rain gardens. Mr. Crouch stated that one infiltration system is located under the driveway, so they may have to dig up the driveway. The Agent stated that the driveway had shifted.

Mr. Crouch explained the purpose of infiltration systems. Mr. Gasper said that he can do a perforated pipe and have it come up to the surface where it would daylight above the Tennessee Gas Pipeline easement. Mr. Crouch said that it will need to be wrapped in geotextile nonwoven fabric. Mr. Gasper asked how deep it should be. Mr. Crouch said that Mr. Gasper would want a four inch pipe with a foot of crushed stone around the pipe.

Mr. Crouch asked about the other side of the home. Mr. Moulton said that it can be pitched toward the driveway in the corner.

Mr. Crouch stated that the gutters need to be taken off and reset to another direction. Mr. Crouch said that the trench should be three feet wide by 10 feet long. Mr. Gasper said that he will bring it to the bottom of the eastern side of the slope.
8:29   RDA, Maureen and Paul Iarussi, 42 Williams Road, installation of fence and bounds
The Agent explained that the OOC issued to the Iarussi’s for the pool, had expired before they could add the fencing and the bounds. A portion of the fencing was installed, but the rest needs to be installed.

Ms. Van Lancker, made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wands to issue a Negative 3 DOA. Motion passed 6-0-0

8:32   NOI/SMP, 95-929, William Rodenhiser, 81 West Union Street, two commercial buildings, and associated work (continued from 10/7/2019)
The Agent stated that a request for a continuance was received.

Ms. Van Lancker, made a motion, seconded by Mr. Narayana to continue the hearing to November 4, 2019. Motion passed 6-0-0.

Mr. Moulton and Mr. Crouch recused themselves from the Eversource hearing

8:32   NOI/SMP, 95-926 NOI/SMP, Eversource, Hopkinton to Ashland Transfer Line, gas line replacement from Hardwick Rd to Cedar St (continued from 9/23/2019)
Ms. Van Lancker opened the hearing stating that a request for continuance was submitted.

Mr. Narayana made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wands to continue the hearing to November 4, 2019. Motion passed 4-0-0.

Mr. Moulton and Mr. Crouch returned to the meeting

8:35   Request for COC, 95-553, William Carroll III, 7 Independence Lane
The Agent explained that the COC was issued in September for this OOC, but that the registry did not accept it. The Agent revised the form to reflect the needs of the registry of deeds.

Ms. Van Lancker, made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wands to issue a COC as revised. Motion passed 6-0-0.

8:37   Conservation Commission Calendar 2020
The Commission reviewed the draft 2020 Calendar for Conservation Commission meeting dates. The Commission approved the calendar as drafted.

8:37   Review of the October 7, 2019, Meeting Minutes
The Commission reviewed the Meeting Minutes from October 7, 2019.

Mr. Narayana made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wands, to accept the October 7, 2019, Meeting Minutes as amended. Motion passed 6-0-0.

8:41   Member Prerogative
Mr. Hakansson said that it is important to vote at the Fall Town Meeting (November 20, 2019) given two articles for the purchase of Tri Street.
Mr. Hakansson, said that the gentleman that was sitting in the back has submitted his talent bank form to be on the Conservation Commission. Mr. Crouch said that he got an e-mail from a clerk at Town Hall for someone that is interested, but that it sounded like she was a better fit for the Sustainability Committee.

Mr. Hakansson asked about the silt curtain on the south side of the bridge at Mill Pond (Riverwalk project). He stated that he received a call about an intermittent stream that comes from Blueberry Hill Lane. Mr. Crouch stated that it if they are done with the work in the pond, the silt curtain can be removed. Mr. Moulton said that that the silt curtains allow water to flow through them.

Mr. Crouch said that there are two types of silt curtains (one impervious, and one pervious). Mr. Crouch indicated that what Mr. Hakansson was describing meant that the silt curtain was working properly.

8:55 Sign Documents
DOA David Foster, 133 West Union Street, temporary bridge
DOA Maureen and Paul Iarussi, 42 Williams Road, installation of fence and bounds
COC 95-553, William Carroll III, 7 Independence Lane

8:55 Adjournment
Mr. Hakansson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Narayana to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 6-0-0.

Documents Reviewed by the Conservation Commission on 10 / 21 / 2019

- Conservation Commission Agenda 10-21-2019
- Document entitled, Meeting Minutes 10/7/2019
- Document entitled, RDA, filed by Maureen and Paul Iarussi
- Document entitled, RDA, filed by Town of Ashland- David Foster
- Letter submitted by Bohler Engineering, entitled, Wavier Request, and dated October 2, 2019
- Plans entitled, Wetland Crossing and Replication Plan Lot 3 Wilson Circle, dated 10/7/2019
- Plans entitled Erosion and Sediment Control Plan Lot 2 Oregon Road, dated January 13, 2015
- Document entitled, Conservation Commission Meeting Scheduled- 2020