



Town of Ashland

MASSACHUSETTS

MEETING MINUTES
ASHLAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION
November 5, 2018

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- Present: William Moulton (Vice Chair)
Jeff Lingham
K. G. Narayana (entered at 7:16)
Cathy Van Lancker
Greg Wands
- Maeghan Dos Anjos (Agent)
- Absent: Gene Crouch (Chair)
Carl Hakansson

Call to order: 7:04 P.M.

7:04 Review of the October 29, 2018, Meeting Minutes

The Commission reviewed the meeting minutes from October 29, 2018.

Mr. Lingham made a motion, seconded by Ms. Van Lancker to accept the October 29, 2018, Meeting Minutes as amended. Motion passed 4-0-0.

7:07 Agent Announcement

The Agent stated that one of the items for the compliance within the Municipal Separate Storm and Sewer Systems permit is to submit brochures regarding proper leaf disposal methods for residential properties, and commercial properties.

7:08 Member Prerogative

Ms. Van Lancker spoke about the Community Preservation Committee. She stated that the CPC reviewed to approve the funding for affordable housing in downtown for a total of \$250,000.

Ms. Van Lancker also stated that the State will be awarding \$10 million toward Community Preservation Act funding, and that she CPC does not know when or how much Ashland will be receiving in coming years.

7:15 NOI, Antonio Silva, 20 Mulhall Drive, after-the-fact permit fir drainage improvements (continued from October 29, 2018).

Mr. Antonio Silva (Applicant/Owner) and Ms. Susan McArthur (Wetland Scientist-Representative) were present for the hearing.

Ms. McArthur stated that Mr. Silva spoke with the Department of Public Works to tie into a catch basin on the intersection of Wesson Road and Mulhall Drive. Ms. McArthur spoke about

42 the elevations that were found. Updated plans were submitted to the Commission which were
43 drawn by an engineer.

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45 Ms. McArthur stated that DPW does not want Mr. Silva to tie a pipe into the catch basin, but
46 have the pipe end a foot from the edge of the yard. The line would be entrenched in the ground
47 and only the outlet will run above ground. The water from the basement would then run from
48 the outlet and sheet flow into the catch basin. The pit that was dug will be filled in, and
49 loamed and seeded.

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51 The Agent stated that DPW did not want him to tie into the catch basin due to a concern of the
52 aging infrastructure. The Agent also stated that DPW recommended a check valve to ensure
53 that reverse flow would not enter into the basement. Mr. Lingham stated that most pumps have
54 check valves at the sump pump itself.

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56 Mr. Lingham asked about the elevations for the ground water, and asked if the catch basin was
57 for stormwater. The Commission had concerns about the pipe freezing. Some solutions were
58 discussed.

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60 Mr. Lingham stated that the line to the catch basin is out of the buffer zone, and asked if the pit
61 will be drained down, before filling it in. Ms. McArthur and Mr. Silva stated that the owner
62 will pump it down to the point where he could fill it in. Mr. Lingham stated that the erosion
63 control should be entrenched, or jutte netting or fabric should be installed on top the pit.

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65 The Agent asked about bounds, stating that the property pre-dates the No Disturb Zone
66 provision of the bylaw. The Commission stated that three shall be placed on the wetland line
67 at flag number 100, 103, and 105. The Agent stated that a permit will be issued at the next
68 meeting.

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70 Mr. Lingham made a motion, seconded by Ms. Van Lancker, to close the hearing. Motion
71 passed 5-0-0.

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73 Ms. McArthur asked if he could fill in the pit that was dug. The Commission said they did not
74 have a problem with that. Mr. Moulton requested that the water from the trench be directed
75 away from the wetland. The Agent stated that the sign with the file number should be
76 installed.

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78 **7:40 Agent Announcement**

79 The Agent asked if the Commission received the e-mails regarding runoff into resource areas
80 from Legacy Farms (Hopkinton). The Commission asked about an EO and a fine. The Agent
81 said that she can submit it, and the Commission can ratify it at the November 19, 2018
82 Meeting. The Agent stated that she needed to do more research into it before action takes
83 place.

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85 **Note: no documents were signed at this meeting**

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87 **Documents Reviewed by the Conservation Commission on 11/5/2018**

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- Conservation Commission Agenda 11-5-2018.

- 89 • Document entitled, *Meeting Minutes Ashland Conservation Commission October 29,,*
90 *2018.*
91 • Site plans entitled, *Sketch Plan, Prepared by Timothy D. Paris, P.E.,* and dated
92 November 4, 2018.
93 • Leaf brochure entitled, *Wondering What to do with All of those Leaves,* dated
94 November 1, 2018.

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96 **7:50 Adjournment**

97 Mr. Lingham made a motion, seconded by Ms. Van Lancker to adjourn the meeting.

98 Motion passed 5-0-0.