



# Town of Ashland

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### Conservation Commission

### Minutes

2/29/2016 7:00 PM

Present: Gene Crouch (Chair): entered at 7:17 p.m.

Carl Hakansson

Jeffrey Lingham

Bill Moulton (Vice Chair)

K.G. Narayana

Cathy Van Lancker, left at 8:54 p.m.

Paul Wiencek

Maeghan Walters (Agent)

Guests: Michael Zimmer, Ameresco (SMP 2016-01)

Robert Bukowski, AMEC (SMP 2016-01)

Call to order: 7:15 PM

7:15 p.m. SMP, 2016-01 Ashland Howe Street Solar LLC. 102 Howe St

Public hearing to consider a Stormwater Management Permit filed by Ashland Howe Street Solar LLC for the construction of a solar array at 102 Howe Street.

Michael Zimmer, Ameresco, and Robert Bukowski, AMEC, were present for the hearing. The Commission reviewed revised plans dated February 27, 2016. The Commission and Agent had some questions regarding the berm, slip, study, and the fence that is to be installed. The Commission also asked about the Town's responsibility once the solar array is constructed. Zimmer stated that if an anomaly is found the Town is responsible, but if that anomaly is caused by the solar array, then they are responsible.

Mr. Lingham made a motion, seconded by Mr. Narayana, to close the public hearing. Motion passed 7-0-0.

The Commission reviewed and made some corrections to the draft Stormwater Management Permit (SMP) for 102 Howe Street.

Mr. Moulton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Narayana, to issue the SMP. Motion passed 7-0-0.

8:20 p.m. NOI, Rail Transit District, MBTA Access Road (95-0878)

Public hearing to consider a Notice of Intent filed by Daniel Demarco for the construction of apartment homes off of the MBTA Access Road.

The Applicant, through his representatives, submitted a request to the Conservation Commission to continue the hearing to March 14, 2016.

Mr. Lingham made a motion, seconded by Ms. Van Lancker, to continue the public hearing to March 14, 2016. Motion passed 7-0-0.

8:23 p.m. Informal Discussion

The Commission discussed hydrology and methodology for calculating drainage. The Commission stated that engineering calculations of designed storm of 7 inches of rain in a 24 hour period is recognized by the Wetland Protection Act as a 100 year storm and should be used. However, the Commission also discussed asking applicants to use Atlas 14 which is developed by NOAA and is stricter. The Commission also discussed existing drainage lines, culverts in the downtown area of Ashland. The Commission also viewed photos of existing drainage features in downtown Ashland.

8:55 p.m. Whittemore Estates

The Commission discussed violations regarding the construction of Whittemore Estates. The Commission stated that the construction entrance needs to be cleaned and maintained, trash needs to be removed from site and that the siltation fence is not working. There is also water coming from the site into the rain garden that was constructed and there is siltation in the detention basin.

9:07 p.m. Hardwick Road Violations

From inspecting Whittemore Estates, the Commission also stated concerns regarding 25, 31, and 37 Hardwick Road.

9:15 0 Thomas Street, 95-0882

The Commission stated that the Order of Conditions for 0 Thomas Street (DEP File Number 95-0882) was appealed and a site walk is pending. DEP appealed the Order because of concerns regarding compliance with the new stream crossing standards. The Commission



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stated that some work took place on site since the appeal.

9:20 DCR Matching Grant

The Commission discussed a matching grant from the Department of Conservation and Recreation. The Commission discussed how this would be applicable to a property off of Chestnut Street.

Adjournment

Mr. Narayana made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lingham, to adjourn the meeting at 9:29pm. Motion passed 6-0-0.

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