

**Ashland Board of Selectmen
Executive Session
May 11, 2016 – Noon
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In Attendance – Joe Magnani, Steven Mitchell, Rob Scherer, Carl Hakansson, Michael Herbert and Jennifer Ball.

Guest Present – Phil Paradis from PSC

Motion by Joe Magnani to go into executive session: I move that the Board of Selectmen move into executive session to discuss litigation strategy as authorized by G.L. c 30A sec 21(a)(3) for which 48 hours notice has been given.

Seconded by Steve Mitchell

4-0-0 Roll call vote.

Mr. Herbert put forward the possibility of appealing the MEPA Certification based upon the fact that DEP did not adequately address the issues raised by the Board. In order to file an appeal the Board needed to understand the engineering behind the issues raised by the Board and what MEPA actually required of the Developer.

Phil Paradis reported the work and analysis on the culvert.

Steve Mitchell made a motion that the board move to employ PSC to create a comprehensive hydrologic report to identify impact and possible solutions. This motion was seconded by Rob Scherer with a unanimous vote of 4-0-0.

Steve Mitchell made a motion to direct the Town Manager to explore and study the impact of the blasting on public safety including changes in groundwater flow. This was seconded by Carl Hakansson with a unanimous vote of 4-0-0.

The Board determined until more information was gathered they could not make a determination on how to proceed with an appeal.

Board members agreed to add an RTD update to the 18th agenda.

Roll call vote to adjourn.