



# Town of Ashland

MASSACHUSETTS

MINUTES OF MEETING  
ASHLAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
June 13, 2016

1 Present: Bill Moulton (Vice Chair)  
2 Cathy Van Lancker  
3 K.G. Narayana  
4 Jeffrey Lingham

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6 Maeghan Walters (Agent)

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8 Absent: Gene Crouch (Chair)  
9 Paul Wienczek  
10 Carl Hakansson

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12 **Call to order: 7:10 P.M.**

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14 **7:00 Discussion, Request for Extension 95-841 Roberts Hill Way**

15 The Agent stated that the applicant is seeking an extension on this Order of Conditions for  
16 work. Work had not begun because of an active appeal. The Commission asked about the  
17 project. The Agent stated that the work was for Roberts Hill Way and can pull the file.

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19 Mr. Lingham made a motion, seconded by Mr. Narayana, to move this discussion to the end of  
20 the agenda. Motion passed 4-0-0.

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22 **7:15 RDA, Ashland Rail Transit Apts Owner LLC c/o Campanelli Const, utility  
23 installation MBTA Access Road**

24 Lloyd Geisinger (Thorndike Development), Paul McManus (Representative- Eco Tech Inc.), and  
25 David Eastridge (Thorndike Development) were present for the meeting. Mr. Geisinger stated  
26 that work involves the installation of sewer and gas lines within the existing paved surfaces of  
27 the roadway. The lines would be installed at the beginning of the road at the intersection of  
28 Union Street and the MBTA Access Road and run up to the apartment buildings currently being  
29 constructed.

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31 The Commission stated that there is a stream that runs through the area and asked how deep the  
32 utilities will be installed in the roadway. The Commission also asked if the installation of the  
33 utilities would have an impact on the drainage line or the culvert at the stream crossing. Mr.  
34 Eastridge, stated that there would be a two foot clearance between the top of the culvert/ pipe to  
35 the deepest part of the sewer line installation.

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37 The Commission asked when the wetlands were flagged. Mr. Geisinger stated that they were  
38 previously flagged under an older filing and that Mr. McManus is re-flagging the resources in  
39 anticipation of a new Notice of Intent.

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41 Mark Dissoni, resident, was present and asked if this culvert was the same culvert that was  
42 discussed in previous hearings from the Notice of Intent that was filed for the apartment homes  
43 [DEP File Number 95-878]. The Commission stated that this was a different location.  
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45 Mr. Lingham made a motion, seconded by Mr. Narayana, to close the meeting and issue a  
46 Negative Determination of Applicability # 3 with the condition that a minimum clearance of 2  
47 feet be maintained during construction measuring from the top of the culvert and drainage pipe  
48 to the bottom of the utility installation. Motion passed 4-0-0.  
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50 **7:46 NOI, Michael Zimmer (Ashland Howe St. Solar LLC.), 65 East Union Street,**  
51 **Carport Photovoltaic Installation**

52 Rob Burkowski (Representative- AMEC), Jim Daylor (Representative- AMEC) and Mike  
53 Zimmer (Applicant) were present for the hearing.  
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55 Mr. Daylor stated that work will consist of the installation of carports in a parking lot at the  
56 high school. He also stated that approximately six footings are in the 100' Buffer Zone to  
57 wetlands and no work would be performed in the 25' No Disturb Zone.  
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59 The Commission reviewed comments from an e-mail between the Agent and Burkowski and  
60 asked about the Potential Vernal Pools that were mentioned in the comments. The Agent  
61 stated that Natural Heritage maps potential vernal pools through aerial photography and not  
62 through surveyed means.  
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64 The Commission asked about drainage. Mr. Daylor stated that the flow would drain between  
65 gaps in the panels. The drainage would not be diverted and water flow would not change. The  
66 Commission also asked about construction fencing. Mr. Burkowski stated that temporary  
67 chainlink fencing and would be installed around the construction site and behind the guardrail.  
68 The Agent suggested loose language for staging in an Order of Conditions. The agent also  
69 asked for a DEP File Number. Mr. Burkowski stated that a file number was given and is 95-  
70 887.  
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72 Mr. Lingham made a motion, seconded by Mr. Narayana, to close the hearing. Motion passed  
73 4-0-0.  
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75 **8:05 NOI, Mark Orlando, 0 Megunko Road, new development, continued from**  
76 **5/23/16**

77 George Connors was present for the hearing.  
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79 Mr. Connors discussed the riverfront area requirements and updated the Commission regarding  
80 a document that was sent to the Commission. Mr. Connors also stated the dates on the plan  
81 and summarized the project. The Commission discussed the status of Trolley Brook as  
82 Riverfront. The Commission determined that it was not Riverfront Area.  
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84 The Commission asked about building close to the plume affiliated with the Nyanza cap. The  
85 Commission also showed Mr. Connors a letter from November 2000 from the Environmental  
86 Protection Agency (EPA). The letter was regarding work near the plume affiliated with the

87 Nyanza cap. The Agent suggested that she could contact EPA and the Department of  
88 Environmental Protection for a draft of Order of Conditions.  
89 Mr. Lingham made a motion, seconded by Ms. Van Lancker, to close the hearing. Motion  
90 passed 4-0-0.

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92 **8:33 ANRAD, Alan Marks, 0 Tri St, wetland delineation, continued from 5/9/16**  
93 Scott Goddard (Goddard Consulting LLC- Representative) was present for the hearing.

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95 Goddard gave an overview of the past hearings and present status of the filing. The Commission  
96 stated that the wetlands on the property are bordering vegetated wetlands. Goddard stated that  
97 a document with cases were submitted to the Agent regarding bordering vegetated wetlands.  
98 The Commission also stated that the sewer line within the property had an Order of Conditions  
99 and a Water Quality Certificate. The Commission stated that the Water Quality Certificate  
100 required restoration of wetlands. Goddard asked if the Agent could forward the documents.

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102 Richard James, abutter, was present for the hearing and had a question about the filing. Mr.  
103 Moulton explained the ANRAD permitting. James also asked if the wetlands were accurately  
104 delineation. Jeff Lingham stated that he believes the wetland is accurate and that the line hasn't  
105 changed except for the area where the wetland is near the sewer line.

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107 Mr. Lingham made a motion, seconded by Ms. Van Lancker to continue the hearing to June  
108 27, 2016 at 7:15 pm Motion passed 4-0-0.

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110 **9:24 Review of the May 23, 2016, Meeting Minutes**

111 Mr. Narayana made a motion, seconded by Ms. Van Lancker, to accept the May 23, 2016,  
112 Meeting Minutes as amended. Motion passed 4-0-0

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114 **9:26 Discussion, Request for an Extension, (95-841) Roberts Hill Way**

115 Agent showed plans to the Commission and stated that a request for the extension of the Order  
116 of Conditions was submitted. Mr. Moulton explained the project to the Commission the  
117 project is located off Independence Avenue. The Agent stated that work did not begin due to  
118 appeals that are underway. The applicant asked for a three year extension to the Order of  
119 Conditions.

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121 Mr. Lingham made a motion, seconded by Mr. Narayana to issue a three year extension for the  
122 Order of Conditions. Motion passed 4-0-0.

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124 **9:30 Discussion, 95-439, 43 Winter Street, Outstanding Order of Conditions**

125 The Agent stated that she was contacted because of an Order of Conditions on the title of 43  
126 Winter Street by a previous property owner. The previous owner was contacted by the current  
127 owner to try to close out the Order. The Order was for the construction of the house. The  
128 Agent stated that previous Requests for Certificate of Compliance were denied because the  
129 restoration area was not complete. The Agent also stated that the Order of Conditions required  
130 the plantings of 27 highbush blueberry plants and swamp azalea, but there was no plan that  
131 called out the plantings. The Agent stated that a plan was located with colored pencil filled in  
132 and assumed that was the area for plantings. The Agent asked the Commission if an as-built  
133 plan was necessary with the submittal of a Request of the Certificate of Compliance. The

134 Commission stated that they could draw the plantings on a plot plan and submit that instead of  
135 an as-built site plan.

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137 **9:39 Adjourment**

138 Mr. Narayana made a motion, seconded by Ms. Van Lancker, to adjourn the meeting. Motion  
139 passed 4-0-0