



Town of Ashland

MASSACHUSETTS

MINUTES OF MEETING
ASHLAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION
October 17, 2016

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2 Present: Cathy Van Lancker entered at 7:48
3 Jeffrey Lingham
4 Carl Hakansson
5 K.G. Narayana
6 Greg Wands
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8 Absent Gene Crouch (Chair)
9 Bill Moulton (Vice Chair)

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11 Maeghan Walters (Agent)

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13 **Call to order: 7:08 P.M.**

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15 **7:08 Review of the September 12, 2016, Meeting Minutes**

16 Mr. Narayana made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hakansson to accept the September 12, 2016,
17 Meeting Minutes as amended. Motion passed 3-0-1
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19 **7:15 NOI, Brett and Nadine Abigana, 28 Old Central Turnpike, restoration and yard**
20 **improvements, continued from 9/12/2016.**

21 Nadine and Brett Abigana were present for the hearing. Brett Abigana stated that they were
22 trying to improve their yard, because most of the yard contained bittersweet and poison ivy.
23 Work took place in the 25' No Disturb Zone. The Agent explained that she was looking at
24 another property when she saw work taking place at 28 Old Central Turnpike. The NOI is an
25 after-the-fact permit to condition the work and restore wetlands. Erosion controls have already
26 been installed. Mitigation will consist of planting of native species and control of invasive
27 species. The lawn will be stabilized with appropriate loam and seed mix.
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29 Mr. Narayana made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hakansson to close the hearing. Motion passed
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32 **7:30 NOI, 95-891, 81 West Union Street LLC., 81 West Union Street, storage facility,**
33 **parking, loading area, and drainage improvements (continued from 9/26/2016).**

34 The Agent received an e-mail to continue the hearing to October 31, 2016.
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36 A motion was made by Mr. Narayana, seconded by Ms. Van Lancker, to continue the hearing to
37 October 31, 2016. Motion passed 4:0:1.
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39 **7:31 Extension Request, 95-844, George Harrington, Lot 4 Harrington Drive, Single**
40 **Family Home**

41 Matthew Marro (Representative, Wetland Scientist) was present for the meeting. Mr. Marro
42 stated that some work took place which consisted of the vegetative clearing of the property.

43 Work stopped because the initial buyer was no longer interested and the economy was in a
44 recession. The house and septic are further than 200' feet from a stream on the property. The
45 stream was ruled as intermittent, though there was some debate among the Commission on the
46 status of the stream at the time of the filing. Work within jurisdictional areas will consist of
47 grading, portions of the driveway, and a crossing for the stream.
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49 The Agent stated that flags were down and need to be reinstalled. Erosion controls must be
50 replaced as well. Mr. Marro stated that he will hang the flags.
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52 Members of the Town Forest Committee, specifically, Cathy Rooney, and Dan Topliffe, were
53 present for the meeting. Mr. Marro and Ms. Rooney will meet for access easement across the
54 property to the Town Forest.
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56 Mr. Hakansson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Narayana to issue the extension. Motion
57 passed 5-0-0.
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59 **7:50 NOI, Colbea Enterprises LLC. 125 Union Street, commercial work (continued**
60 **from 9/26/2016)**

61 Richard DeFusco (Representative- Ayoub Engineering), was present for the hearing. Mr.
62 DeFusco submitted a revised ER-1 Plan sheet to remove all references to hay, and a revised
63 Operations and Maintenance Plan. Mr. DeFusco went over revised documents. Mr. DeFusco
64 stated that the Planning Board is waiting on the Commission's decision to further proceed in
65 Planning Board's process. The Agent requested that manuals be attached to the Operations and
66 Maintenance Plan for each stormwater management device.
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68 Mr. Narayana made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lingham to close the hearing. Motion passed
69 4:0:1. Gregory Wands abstained.
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71 The Commission reviewed a draft Order of Conditions and suggested some edits.
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73 Mr. Narayana made a motion, seconded by Ms. Van Lancker to issue the Order of Conditions
74 95-890. Motion passed 4:0:1. Gregory Wands abstained
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76 **8:15 NOI (95-892), Steven Carlin (Skipton Pet Lodge) 33 West Union Street, addition**
77 **continued from 9/26/2016**

78 Brian Nelson (Representative- Metrowest Engineering) and Steven Carlin (Applicant) were
79 present for the hearing.
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81 The Commission had continued the hearing to October 17, 2016, asking for soil plots to be shown
82 on the plans. Mr. Nelson had stated that the plots were on the plans and had missed them at the
83 previous meeting.
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85 A motion was made by Ms. Van Lancker, seconded by Mr. Narayana, to close the hearing.
86 Motion passed 4:0:1. Gregory Wands abstained
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88 The Commission reviewed a draft Order of Conditions, 95-892 for 33 West Union Street.

89 A motion was made by Mr. Narayana, seconded by Ms. Van Lancker, to issue the Order of
90 Conditions, 95-892. Motion passed 4:0:1. Gregory Wands abstained

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92 **8:22 Amended OOC 95-878, Dan DeMarco, MBTA Access Road, Rail Transit District,**
93 **changes to stormwater systems, review draft Order, hearing closed 9/26/16**

94 No one was present for the hearing.

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96 The Commission reviewed a draft Order of the Conditions. Agent explained that she used the
97 Order issued previously. Agent stated that she added a brief paragraph to describe the
98 amendment, and included recently approved plans in the "Approved Plans" section of the
99 Amended Order of Conditions.

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101 A motion was made by Ms. Van Lancker, seconded by Mr. Narayana, to issue the Amended
102 Order of Conditions, 95-878. Motion passed 4:0:1. Gregory Wands abstained

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104 **8:38 September 12, 2016, September 26, Meeting Minutes and September 12, 2016**
105 **Executive Session Minutes and September 26, 2016 Executive Session Minutes**

106 The Commission wanted to table the minutes for the next meeting. The Commission had a
107 concern regarding a quorum with a new member that started this night, October 17, 2016. The
108 Commission asked if the previous motion for September 12, 2016 still stands with a 3:0:1 vote.
109 Due to some concerns, the Commission tabled the September 12, 2016 Meeting Minutes.

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111 The Commission also stated that they have to meet in Executive Session to release Executive
112 Session Minutes.

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114 **8:48 Nyanza Advisory Group**

115 The Commission must make a vote to appoint Mr. Lingham to the Nyanza Advisory Group.

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117 Mr. Lingham stated that he is resigning from the Conservation Commission, and has pulled out
118 his Talent Bank Form for the Stormwater Advisory Group. Mr. Lingham stated that he needs
119 to resign for personal reasons.

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121 **8:49 Discussion**

122 Mr. Narayana stated that he will be away from November 18 to November 30, and will miss the
123 November 28, Meeting.

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125 **8:50 2017 Meeting Schedule**

126 The Commission tabled this for the next meeting when all Commissioners will be present.

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128 **9:00 CR, 30 Raymond Way**

129 Mr. Narayana recused himself from the discussion, and left the room.

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131 The Agent stated that Mr. Effren will be representing the Kane Family in creating a Conservation
132 Restriction (CR) for the property at 30 Raymond Way. Mr. Effren wanted to know if the
133 Commission would accept a draft CR based on the template that is on the State's website. The
134 Commission thought this would be fine.

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136 **9:11 NOI, Jon Kazarian, 123 Green Street, wetland restoration and yard**
137 **improvements.**

138 The Agent stated that she received an e-mail to continue the hearing. The Agent stated that the
139 e-mail did not contain a specific date and recommended to the Commission that this be continued
140 to December 12, 2016.

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142 A motion was made by Ms. Van Lancker, seconded by Mr. Narayana, to continue the hearing to
143 December 12, 2016. Motion passed 5:0:0.

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145 **9:17 Potential Grant Opportunity- Habitat Management Grant**

146 The Agent stated that the Massachusetts Fish and Wildlife has grants available for habitat
147 management.

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149 The Agent asked if certain properties could use the grant. Mr. Hakansson and Mr. Wands
150 suggested that some work can be done within 22 Eliot Street (soon to be conservation lands).
151 Mr. Hakansson, Mr. Wands, and the agent will do a site walk on the property. The agent stated
152 that the site walk should be soon because the deadline for the grant application is November 15,
153 2016.

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155 **9:28 Adjournment**

156 Mr. Narayana made a motion, seconded by Ms. Van Lancker, to adjourn the meeting. Motion
157 passed 5-0-0.