



# Town of Ashland

MASSACHUSETTS

MINUTES OF MEETING  
ASHLAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
January 9, 2017

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2 Present: Jeff Lingham  
3 Cathy Van Lancker  
4 Carl Hakansson  
5 K.G. Narayana  
6 Greg Wands  
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8 Maeghan Walters (Agent)  
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10 Absent: Gene Crouch (Chair)  
11 Bill Moulton (Vice Chair)  
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13 **Call to order: 7:16 P.M.**  
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15 **7:05 Review of the December 5, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

16 Ms. Van Lancker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wands to accept the December 5, 2016,  
17 Meeting Minutes as written. Motion passed 4-0-1. Mr. Narayana abstained.  
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19 **7:06 Review of the December 19, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

20 Mr. Narayana made a motion, seconded by Ms. Van Lancker to accept the December 5, 2016,  
21 Meeting Minutes as amended. Motion passed 5-0-0. Mr. Narayana abstained  
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23 **7:07 Stormwater Advisory Committee**

24 The Agent stated that the Commission requested that the Agent represents and fills the  
25 Conservation seat needed on the Stormwater Advisory Committee. The Agent stated that the  
26 Town Manager liked the approach and had asked the Agent to speak with Stormwater  
27 Advisory Committee to clarify the role and the charge of the Committee.  
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29 **7:15 RDA, Thurken III LLC, 310 Pond Street (Sears Plaza), confirmation of a wetland  
30 system in back of a parking lot, continued from 12/23/16**

31 Mr. Paul Mattos (Allen & Major- Representative) was present for the meeting. Mr. Mattos  
32 explained that the wetland system is at the base of a 12" pipe put in place as part of the  
33 construction of Ledgemere Estates (Spyglass Hill Road and associated subdivision).  
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35 The Agent provided a summary of the last meeting. Mr. Lingham stated that the area to the  
36 north of wetland had standing water and had the right hydrological features and should be  
37 flagged as wetland. Mr. Lingham also explained a second pipe that was found on the site  
38 inspection. The Agent explained the opinion of Chair whom is absent for the meeting. The  
39 Agent stated that Mr. Crouch (Chair) viewed the area as a bordering vegetated wetland because  
40 a channel was created within the wetland system. Steady flow of water was observed from the  
41 Conservation Commission, presumably groundwater, and seen entering wetland from the pipe

42 during dry conditions. The Commission discussed the observations from the site visit. Mr.  
43 Mattos read the definition for a stream.

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45 Ms. Van Lancker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wands to issue a Positive Determination of  
46 Applicability. Motion passed 4-0-1. K.G. Narayana

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48 **7:31 NOI, 95-891, 81 West Union Street LLC, 81 West Union Street, storage facilities,**  
49 **continued from 12/5/16**

50 Peter Barbieri (Fletcher Tilton, Attorney- Representative), and Darren Grady (Grady  
51 Consulting LLC- Representative) were present for the hearing.

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53 Mr. Barbieri requested to limit the size of the access along the basin. The Agent read the  
54 design language within the Stormwater Management Handbook under infiltration systems.  
55 The Commission reviewed the request and reviewed a draft Order of Conditions.

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57 Mr. Narayana made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lingham to close the hearing. Motion passed  
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60 Ms. Van Lancker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Narayana to issue the Order of Conditions.  
61 Motion passed 5-0-0.

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63 **7:57 Letter to Warren Woods Abutters**

64 The Commission reviewed draft letters to send out to the abutters of Warren Woods and  
65 requested to revise some grammar items from the draft letter that was created by Mr.  
66 Hakansson. The Commission requested to send the revised letter from Mr. Hakansson.

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68 **8:02 Template Abutter letters to review**

69 The Commission reviewed draft Abutter Letters and instructions to be used to help guide  
70 applicants in the wetlands permitting process. The Commission asked the Agent to add a date  
71 to the bottom of the page.

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73 **8:20 Emergency Certification Eversource Winter Street Right of Way**

74 The Agent stated that a transmission pole burned and needed to be replaced. The pole is in an  
75 upland area, but a wetland needed to be crossed in order to replace the pole. The Agent stated  
76 that she issued an Emergency Certification requiring swamp mats to cross the wetland and to  
77 require notification once work is finalized. The Agent asked the Commission to ratify the  
78 document.

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80 Ms. Van Lancker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Narayana to ratify the Emergency  
81 Certification.

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83 **8:24 MACC Letter**

84 The Agent posted the MACC letter on the Agenda for the Commission to discuss, but she did  
85 not suggest that the letter should be sent by the Commission. The letter was a request  
86 regarding installation of gas lines within protected lands. The Agent suggested that the  
87 Commission should not sign the letter but said it is up to them as individuals.

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**8:31 Partial COC Request, 95-817, Michael Kane, Wilson Circle, Roadway**

The Commission reviewed a request to issue a Partial Certificate of Compliance for the roadway construction and drainage within the roadway. The Agent briefed the Commission on a site inspection at Wilson Circle.

Mr. Narayana made a motion, seconded by Ms. Van Lancker to issue the Partial Certificate of Compliance. Motion passed 5-0-0.

**8:38 Review of Draft Order of Conditions, Jonathan Kazarian, 123 Green Street, restoration, and yard improvements**

The Commission reviewed a draft Order of Conditions for 123 Green Street. The Commission had some comments to make some revisions to the draft Order of Conditions.

Ms. Van Lancker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hakansson to issue the Order of Conditions. Motion passed 5-0-0.

**8:43 466 Chestnut Street**

Mr. Hakansson stated that he drove to 22 Eliot Street last week and saw that the field was flooded in back of 22 Eliot Street. The detention basin at 466 Chestnut Street was being pumped out and into the field by subcontractors. Water had drained into the basement of the home at 22 Eliot Street. Mr. Hakansson said that The Green Company met him on site with the Conservation Agent and addressed the situation.

**8:47 Adjournment**

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