



ASHLAND OPEN SPACE & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

January 13, 2026
Via Zoom

Ashland
Open Space and
Recreation
Committee

Members present: Jeanne Horner, Marty Ring, Judith Sallet, Roberta Soolman, Jeanne Walker, Greg Wands

Guests present: Susan Thorne, Tony Quattrone

Roberta Soolman,
Chairperson

Ashwini Chitnavis

Martin Ring

Judith Sallet

Jeanne Walker

Greg Wands

1. Welcome

Ms. Soolman welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

2. Approval of minutes

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Walker and seconded by Mr. Ring, the committee voted 6-0-0 to approve the minutes of 11/4/25.

3. FRANKLAND ROAD SOLAR PROJECT

Ms. Thorne and Mr. Quattrone explained that Agilitas Energy has been operating a solar facility since 2024 but has not fully met a critical Special Permit condition to transfer open space to a conservation entity or file a conservation restriction, including an Ashland parcel which adjoins Hopkinton open space land and contains part of the trail system. Agilitas is trying to sell the Ashland open space which should be included in the protection specified under Hopkinton's Special Permit.

After discussion, upon motion duly made by Mr. Ring and seconded by Ms. Horner, the committee voted 6-0-0 on the following motion:

To support the effort to urge the Town of Hopkinton to enforce the Findings and Decision of the Office of the Planning Board for the Town of Hopkinton dated August 19, 2020 regarding 0, 71 Frankland Road to protect the full parcel, including open space in Hopkinton and Ashland pursuant to special conditions #28 and #29 and to urge the Town of Hopkinton and the Town of Ashland to work together to immediately enforce the Findings and Decision of the Office of the Planning Board for the Town of Hopkinton dated August 19, 2020.

The committee thanked Ms. Thorne and Mr. Quattrone for all the research and work they have done, and for sharing it with the committee. Ms. Thorne and Mr. Quattrone thanked the committee for their support.



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4. UPDATES

- Land Stewardship (Mr. Wands): All the trails are clear and it's quiet at this time of the year.
- Conservation Commission (Mr. Wands): ConComm will break out the 40B proposals on a regular schedule which will be more efficient. 60-61 Waverly Street is on Tuesday. There are two more 40B projects in the pipeline.
- Community Preservation Committee (Mr. Wands): There has been no meeting in a while. The next one is planned for February 4.
- Stormwater Management (Ms. Walker): There has been no meeting in a while. The Town Engineer left his position, and they have not hired someone new.

5. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for February 10.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Wands and seconded by Ms. Walker, the Committee voted 6-0-0 to adjourn at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Roberta Soolman

DOCUMENTS REVIEWED: Minutes from 11/4/25