



TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN, MASSACHUSETTS
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Town Hall · 40 Center Street · Fairhaven, MA 02719



PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA
Monday, July 7, 2025 at 6:00 pm

REVISED

Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, this meeting will be conducted in person and via remote means, in accordance with applicable law. This means that members of the public body as well as members of the public may access this meeting in person, or via virtual means. In person attendance will be at 40 Center Street, and it is possible that any or all members of the public body may attend remotely, with in-person attendance consisting of members of the public. MGL, Ch. 30A, § 20(f) requires anyone that intends to record any portions of a public meeting, either by audio or video, or both, to notify the Chair at the beginning of the meeting.

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1. **Chairman's Welcome and Media Notification**
2. **Mission statement**
Conservation by definition is the careful maintenance and upkeep of our natural resources to prevent them from disappearing. A natural resource being the physical supply of something that exists in nature, such as soil, water, air, plant and animal. Any perceived or plausible endangerments to these areas and sites shall fall before The Conservation Commission under the laws of Fairhaven and The State. We as a Committee will strive to make mindful and educated decisions with the assistance of our appointed conservation agents.
3. **Commission Resignations & Appointments**
4. **Quorum/Attendance**
5. **Discuss appointment to Community Preservation Committee**
6. **Approval of the May 19, 2025 meeting minutes & May 19, 2025 Executive Session minutes**
7. **Highway Department, Joshua Crabb to provide an update on 2025 planned roadwork**
8. **Continuances requested in advance:**
 - a. SE 023-1333, CON 023-181: 18 Point Street, Map 28B, Lot 207 (Certificate of Compliance)
9. **Requests for Certificates of Compliance**
 - a. SE 023-1414, CON 023-353: 51 Balsam Street, Map 43C, Lots 89, 90, 93, 94 & 95
 - b. SE 023-1477, CON 023-462: 39 Weeden Road, MAP 31B, Lot 298A
10. **Issue Order of Conditions**
 - a. CON 023-510, SE 023-1505: 7 Silver Shell Beach Drive, Map 41, Lot 47

- b. **CON 023-511, SE 023-1506: 51 Association Road, Map 29, Lot 33B**

11. Emergency Certification Requests

- a. **Pierce's Point:** Install replacement of existing +/- 1.25" water line beginning at/near Shawmut Street (Public Way) to Weeden Road across (under bed of) Nasketucket Creek to connect to water system on Pierce's Point. – *Continued from June 16, 2025*
- b. **Sandy Beach Association, Map 29D, Lot 117:** Placement of coir logs along the top and edge of the dune to prevent further erosion. An NOI to follow that will include a long-term solution.
- c. **20 Yankee Lane, Map 39, Lot 016 & 016B:** Removal of trees affecting utilities.

12. Public Hearings pursuant to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. Ch. 131, s. 40) and/or the Code of the Town of Fairhaven Chapter 192, Wetlands:

Requests for Determination of Applicability

- a. **CON 023-481: 29 Shore Drive, Map 29C, Lot 613 – Continued from January 27, 2025, February 24, 2025, March 24, 2025, April 7, 2025 & April 28, 2025 & June 16, 2025**
After-the-fact Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Brian Reis to raise flooded driveway area with gravel located within Flood Zone VE (El.17') at Assessor's Map 29C, Lot 613.
- b. **CON 023-512: 2 Mark Drive, Map 32, Lot 19G – Continued from June 16, 2025**
Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Tyler Bates to install new 15' x 50' concrete driveway in existing front lawn area. Parcel falls within Buffer Zone to BVW.
- c. **CON 023-513: 15 School Street, Map 24, Lot 161 – Continued from June 16, 2025**
Request for Determination of Applicability filed by William Ryan to install fence on west side of property. Parcel located within Buffer Zone to BVW.
- d. **CON 023-514: 0 Point Street, Map 28B, Lot 131 – Continued from June 16, 2025**
Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Heather Skrutski to permit existing camper and gazebo on property. Parcel located within Buffer Zone to Coastal Beach & FEMA Flood Zone VE (El.16').
- e. **CON 023-517: 501 Nasketucket Way, Map 30B, 139**
Request for Determination of Applicability filed by John & Helen Graves to remove 6 trees on the lot abutting the north side of the Nasketucket Townhouse Condominium property that pose a threat to the condos. Work to be completed by a licensed & insured tree service using a combination of heavy trucks and spider crane equipment.
- f. **CON 023-518: 3 Rockland Street, Map 28B, Lot 258**
Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Elizabeth Camara for the following projects: front & back stairs with landing and railings; side deck; small shed; and outdoor shower.
- g. **CON 023-519: 27 Alder Street, Map 43A, Lot 70**
Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Christine Smith to install 20' x 24' asphalt driveway where there is now grass/stone.

Notices of Intent

- h. CON 023-490, SE 023-1496: 0 Perry Street, Map 31A, Lot 434 (*Earle Street*) – Continued from April 7, 2025 & April 28, 2025**

Notice of Intent filed by David Vermette to construct a single-family home with associated driveway, grading, and utilities. The applicant also proposes to stabilize a portion of the lot previously disturbed and cleared. The parcel contains NHESP Priority Habitat and Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetate Wetlands at Assessor's Map 31A, Lot 434.

- i. CON 023-503, SE 023-1503: 17 Turner Avenue, Map 2, Lots 275-277**

Notice of Intent filed by Douglas & Kamryn Dubois to demolish existing cottage and construct a 32' x 56' 2-story single-family dwelling in compliance with FEMA and Mass Building Code. In addition, the applicant requests to construct a 28' x 32' (896 S.F.) 1-story guest house (ADU). Work to take place within LSCSF, FEMA Flood Zone VE (El. 15').

- j. CON 023-516, SE 023-1507: 10 Oxford Street, Map 13, Lot 2**

Notice of Intent filed by James Novakoff to remove and replace accessory dwelling unit within the same general footprint together with associated site work. The work will be performed within the 100 ft. Buffer Zone of a Coastal Bank, Coastal Beach and Salt Marsh.

13. Violations/Enforcement Orders/Cease and Desist Notices – Updates

- a. EO 023-014: 20 Yankee Lane, Map 39, Lot 16:** Update on Restoration Phases 3, 4, & 5.
- b. Mill Road, Map 39, Lot 36:** Notice of Violation sent out April 1, 2025 for multiple abandoned vehicles, construction equipment/machinery, and diesel/oil containers dispersed throughout the wetlands. Owner in contact with the office and has hired a delineator for the property.
- c. 0 Beachwood, Map 28B, Lot 122:** Resource area fill and disturbance recorded August 2023. LAM Ecological provided a restoration report dated September 19, 2023. During the June 23, 2025 inspection, the area was determined to not be restored to the restoration specifications set forth by LAM Ecological. There was limited vegetation growth and evidence remaining fill.

14. General Business

- a.** Next scheduled site visits: July 21, 2025
- b.** Next Scheduled Public Hearing Date: August 4, 2025

- 15. Any other business** that may properly come before the Commission not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

16. Motion to adjourn

Brandon J. Estrella, Chair

Fairhaven Conservation Commission

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