

TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN, MASSACHUSETTS

CONSERVATION COMMISSION



PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA Monday, October 6, 2025 at 6:00 pm

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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In-person attendance is permitted for the public at Town Hall at 40 Center Street

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. Quorum/Attendance

4. Requested Continuances

- a. CON 023-526, SE 023-1511: 110 Middle Street (Seaport Inn), Map 12, Lot 17
- b. SE 023- , CON 023-535: 1 Crow Island, Map 44, Lot 1
- c. CON 023-522, SE 023-1508: 0 Huttleston Avenue, Map 34A, Lot 21

5. Meeting Minutes

a. Approval of the August 25, 2025 meeting minutes

6. Discussions

 Discuss impervious surface requests and approvals within the FEMA Flood Zone (VE) – Wendy Drumm to present preliminary proposal for an addendum to the existing Buffer Zone regulations

7. Certificates of Compliance:

- a. SE 023-1469, CON 023-444: 80 Fort Street, Map 05, Lot 009
- b. SE 023-1247, CON 023-130: 16 Wilbur's Point Drive, Map 43, Lot 85

- c. SE 023-1268, CON 19-003: 16 Wilbur's Point Drive, Map 43, Lot 85
- d. SE 023-1435, CON 023-390: 689 Sconticut Neck Road, Map 42, Lot 14A
- e. SE 023-110, CON# N/A: 91 Balsam Street, Map 43A, Lot 134
- f. SE 023-1457, CON 023-421: 93 Raymond Street, Map 29D, Lots 94 & 95
- **8. 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:

Amended Order of Conditions

a. SE 023-1369, CON 023-255: 10 Diamond Street

Amendment request filed by Jamie & Ruby Medeiros to pave the garage driveway with asphalt or concrete. The proposed work to take place in a buffer zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetland (BVW) & Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage (LSCSF), FEMA Flood Zone AE (El.14').

Requests for Determination of Applicability

b. CON 023-528: 0 Austria Avenue, Map 29A, Lot 037

Request for Determination of Applicability filed by John Castelot to clear vegetation in vacant lot for a 20' x 30' driveway; fill to grade (8-12" of gravel) and finish with a layer of asphalt. Property located within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, FEMA Flood Zone VE (El.16').

c. CON 023-533: 12 Jerusalem Road, Map 29B, Lots 641-646

Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Brian & Kayleigh Beauregard to propose a 171 S.F. addition to an existing single-family home within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage (LSCSF), FEMA Flood Zone VE (El.18').

d. CON 023-534: 7 Peirce's Point, Map 28, Lot 032

Request for Determination of Applicability filed by John Behan to construct 6' x 16' shed that will be raised 6" off the ground and supported by (6) sonotubes. Work to take place within Buffer Zone to Salt Marsh.

Notices of Intent

e. CON 023-490, SE 023-1496: 0 Perry Street, Map 31A, Lot 434 (Earle Street) — Continued from April 7, 2025 & April 28, 2025 & May 19, 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.

9. Violations/Enforcement Orders/Cease and Desist Notices

- a. 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. Update on Notice of Violation.
- b. 364 Huttleston Avenue, Map 34A, Lot 022: Clearing of vegetation within 100 feet of the BVW. Update on Notice of Violation letter.

10. Staff Updates

a. MACC Fall Conference October 25, 2025 – open registration

11. General Business

- a. Next scheduled site visits: Tentatively scheduled for October 14, 2025
- b. Next Scheduled Public Hearing Date: October 27, 2025
- **12. Any other business** that may properly come before the Commission not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of the meeting.
- 13. Motion to adjourn
 Brandon J. Estrella, Chair
 Fairhaven Conservation Commission

Posted by the Town Clerk: www.fairhaven-ma.gov