



TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN, MASSACHUSETTS
**CONSERVATION
COMMISSION**



**PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA
Monday, April 27, 2026 at 6:00pm**

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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Meeting ID: 869 5315 5076 Passcode: 633695

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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. **Continuances**
 - a. CON 023-552, SE 023-1521: 184 Balsam Street, Map 43B, 041
 - b. CON 023-546, SE 023-1519: 4 Earle Street, Map 31A, Lot 453
5. **Approval of the March 9, 2026, March 16, 2026 and April 6, 2026 meeting minutes**
6. **Motion to accept care, custody, and control of Parcel ID 27-334, Washburn Avenue, Fairhaven, MA, pursuant to G.L. c. 40, s. 8C.**
7. **Variance proposal for Flood Zone Property Surfaces; Wendy Drumm to present fact-finding Summary**
8. **Violations/Enforcement Orders/Cease and Desist Notices**
 - a. **Mill Road, Map 39, Lot 036:** 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 & site inspection.

- b. **364 Huttleston Avenue, Map 34A, Lot 022:** Clearing of vegetation within 100-foot Buffer Zone to the BVW. Update on Notice of Violation & site inspection.
- c. **0 Huttleston Avenue, Map 34A, Lot 21:** Clearing of trees and vegetation within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to the BVW. Owner working with engineer to submit NOI.
- d. **97 Church Street, Map 06, Lot 178:** Clearing of vegetation within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to the BVW. Cease and Desist issued April 14, 2026. Discuss site visit findings from April 16, 2026.
- e. **Reservation & Gilbert Street Beach Access Way:** Vegetation clearing 100 feet of the beach / waterway. Residents looking for signage to educate boaters on the importance of eelgrass as a natural barrier to help prevent coastal erosion.

9. **Certificate of Compliance**

- a. **12 Balsam Street, Map 43C, Lot 34 – Continued from April 6, 2026**

10. **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:**

Request for Amended Order of Conditions

- a. **SE 023-1369, CON 023-255: 10 Diamond Street, Map 29, Lots 46 & 72 – Continued from March 16, 2026**
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 023-558: 32 Nakata Avenue, Map 43, Lot 244 – Continued from April 6, 2026**
Request for Determination of Applicability filed by John Afonso to bring in natural grade materials to pitch water run-off away from dwelling and garage. Property located within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, FEMA Flood Zone VE (El. 20') and within 100 feet to a Salt Marsh.
- c. **CON 023-560: 8 Sunset Beach, Map 29, Lot 2B – Continued from April 6, 2026**
Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Duarte Couto to construct a 28' x 38' single-family dwelling with 44' x 30' garage, 12' x 16' deck, walkway with utilities and associated grading. Parcel located within 100-foot Buffer Zone to a BVW.
- d. **CON 023-563: 76 Balsam Street, Map 43C, Lot 002**
Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Matthew Brodo to construct new 7' x 16' porch. Parcel falls within Buffer Zone to Coastal Beach, Coastal Dune; work to take place within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, FEMA Flood Zone, VE (El.20').
- e. **CON 023-564: 266 Scoticut Neck Road, Map 29A, Lot 95**
Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Mark & Amy Knox to remove approximately 1,800 S.F. of brush and invasive vines (Bittersweet) in order to do minor grading and install a FEMA compliant fence. Parcel falls within Barrier Beach, Salt Marsh; work to take place within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, FEMA Flood Zone, VE (El.16').

- f. **CON 023-565: 0 Monondach Avenue, Map 42A, Lots 327 & 328**
Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Samer Alamrat to request temporary recreational campsite with removable RV, gravel parking area, small removable deck, and minimal site improvements, including removal of vegetation and plantings. Parcel & work to take place within Barrier Beach & Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, FEMA Flood Zone, VE (El.23’).
- g. **CON 023-566: 1 Calumet Road, Map 29A, Lots 630, 629, 584, 583, 54, 55, 156, 157**
Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Geoffrey Wheeler to construct FEMA compliant 4’ perimeter fence. Work to take place within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, FEMA Flood Zone, VE (El.20’).
- h. **CON 023-568: Alden Road, Map 28, Lots 22B & 22D**
Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Cornguy Realty Trust to cut and remove trees and stumps for the purpose of future development. Work to take place within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to the approved Bordering Vegetated Wetland line (wetland line approved under Order of Resource Area Delineation SE 023-1482).

Notices of Intent

- i. **CON 023-522, SE 023-1508: 0 Huttleston Avenue, Map 34A, Lot 21** – *Continued from August 4, 2025, August 25, 2025, September 15, 2025, January 6, 2026 & March 16, 2026*
Notice of Intent filed by Teixeira’s Construction to construct new single-family dwelling served by town water & sewer. Work to take place in the 50’-100’ Buffer Zone to the BVW.
- j. **CON 023-567: 0 Fisherman’s Road, Map 43A, Lot 189**
Notice of Intent filed by Matthew Pike to construct single-family home & subsurface sewage disposal system with associated grading. Work to take place within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, FEMA Flood Zone, AE (El.18’).

11. General Business

- a. Discuss date & times for the next scheduled site visits
- b. Next Scheduled Public Hearing Date: May 18, 2026

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

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