



TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN, MASSACHUSETTS
**CONSERVATION
COMMISSION**



**PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA
Monday, May 18, 2026 at 6:00pm**

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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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. Approval of the April 27, 2026 meeting minutes

5. Continuances:

- a. CON 023-552, SE 023-1521: 184 Balsam Street, Map 43B, 041**

6. Field Change:

- a. CON 023-543, SE 023-1518: 483 Bridge Street:** Eversource requests to install underground service down the center of the current dirt road (off New Boston Road) crossing wetlands.

7. Conservation Restrictions (CRs):

- a. Weeden Road/DeNormandie Farm West:** The Buzzards Bay Coalition (BBC) is requesting the Commission to consider accepting an assignment of BBC's interest in the CR such that the town would become the sole holder of the CR when the Coalition acquires the property from Mr. DeNormandie.

- b. **Boys Creek Marsh:** BBC to discuss a draft of the CR and plans to submit the CR to the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) in order to initiate the required state review process.

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.
- f. **22 Reservation Road, Map 29A, Lot 237:** Cleared vegetation in vacant lot & began construction of wooden platform within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, FEMA Flood Zone VE (El. 16') and 200 feet of Coastal Stream.
- g. **10 Wilbur's Point, Map 43, Lot 081:** Current construction in non-compliance with the approved Order of Conditions (SE 023-1492); silt fence not installed, straw wattles on top of rocks and not stabilized on the ground, and concrete washout area does not look to be lined.
- h. **52 Oliver Street, Map 37B, Lot 043:** Unpermitted camper with potential sewer drainage leading into yard; letter sent to owner on April 1, 2026 with no response.

9. Certificate of Compliance

- a. **CON 023-479, SE 023-1491: 11 Delmont, Map 28B, 715:** (alternate planting areas to discuss)

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:

Requests for Determination of Applicability

- a. **CON 023-558: 32 Nakata Avenue, Map 43, Lot 244 – Continued from April 27, 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.
- b. **CON 023-570: 47 Bridge Street, Map 11, Lot 058**
Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Marc Dionne to construct a proposed shed 10ft x 12 ft on 6 helical piles with flood vents. Parcel within land subject to coastal storm flowage, FEMA Flood Zone AE (El. 6').
- c. **CON 023-572: 22 Reservation Road, Map 29A, Lot 237**
Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Andrew Panek to remove vegetation for raised garden beds and a raised platform for a seasonal tent. Parcel located within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, FEMA Flood Zone VE (El. 16').

Notices of Intent

- d. CON 023-546, SE 023-1519: 4 Earle Street, Map 31A, Lot 453 – Continued form April 7, 2026**
Notice of Intent filed by Joel Cordero to construct a single-family house, garage, raised deck, driveway and the extension of an existing gravel road within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to a BVW.
- e. CON 023-567, SE023-1526: 0 Fisherman’s Road, Map 43A, Lot 189 – Continued form April 27, 2026**
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’).
- f. CON 023-569, SE 023-___ : 5 Lafayette Street, Map 13, Lot 048**
Notice of Intent filed by Albert Santos to construct a proposed 6-foot wide by 90-foot-long fixed wooden pier supported by wood piles culminating in a 10-foot wide by 18-foot-long fixed deck area. A 20-foot-long gangway will extend from this fixed deck to an 8-foot wide by 75-foot-long float secured by wooden piles; proposed piles will disturb a total of 20.5 square feet.
- g. CON 023-571, SE 023-1527: 74 Nakata Avenue Map 43 Lot 166**
Notice of Intent filed by Charles A. Early/Wilber Pointe Properties LLC to add stone to the base of the existing seawall for repair. Work to take place in Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, FEMA Flood Zone VE, (El. 18’).

11. General Business

- a. Discuss date & times for the next scheduled site visits
- b. Next Scheduled Public Hearing Date: June 15, 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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