



TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN,
MASSACHUSETTS
**CONSERVATION
COMMISSION**
PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA
Monday, June 15, 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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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 023-569, SE 023-1528: 5 Lafayette Street, Map 13, Lot 048

5. **Approval of the May 18th Meeting Minutes**

6. **Discussion:**

MassMarsh Project in collaboration with UMass Amherst and MassDEP conducting demonstration on monitoring techniques at Little Bay marsh on June 23, 2026.

7. Field Change:

- a. **CON 023-330, SE 023-1403: Arsene Street (Water Treatment Plant):** Tighe & Bond to discuss the potential relocation for rain garden #3 (Third rain garden approved under original Order issued May 31, 2023 to be located south of the vehicle storage building; May 15, 2025 requested to eliminate rain garden #3 due to impenetrable ledge).
- b. **CON 023-390, SE 023-1436:** 6 Emerson: Request to relocate required plantings under Order of Conditions issued November 18, 2024.

8. Conservation Restrictions

- a. Weeden Road/DeNormandie Farm West
- b. Boys Creek

9. Certificates of Compliance

- a. SE 023-1038: 36 Alder, Map 43A, Lot 012
- b. CON 023-442, SE 023-1467: 1 Stetson Avenue, Map 2, Lots 256, 262, 263
- c. CON 023-415, SE 023-1455: 2 Bayside Street, Map 42, Lot 34
- d. CON 023-240, SE 023-1361: 11 Balsam Street, Map 43C, Lots 128 & 130
- e. CON 023-165, SE 023-1198: 51 Cedar Street, Map 04, Lot 155

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 023-572: 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').
- b. **CON 023-573: 14 Birchfield Street, Map 24, Lot 273**
Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Diane & Eugene Perry to replace existing portion of the driveway with an additional paved area and construct 8' x 10' shed. Property falls within 100 feet to the Bordering Vegetated Wetland (BVW) and work to take place within 200 feet of an underground stream.
- c. **CON 023-574: Sandy Beach Association (Raymond & Sunrise Court)**
Request for Determination of Applicability filed by the Sandy Beach Association for maintenance repair of existing structures within their existing footprints. Project to include restoration of storm-related erosion and associated beach material. Work to take place within Coastal Beach, Coastal Dune, Coastal Bank, Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, FEMA Flood Zone VE (El.17').
- d. **CON 023-575: 34 Nakata Avenue, Map 43, Lot 243**
Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Donald Pires to construct a 14' x 30' garage to be placed on 8" layer of stone located ~30' from the north side of the property. Property within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, FEMA Flood Zone VE (El.20').
- e. **CON 023-578: 110 Ebony Street, Map 43A, Lot 259, 261, 263,**

Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Ben Reis to construct a single-family dwelling, with associated grading and septic system.

Notices of Intent

- f. **CON 023-546, SE 023-1519: 4 Earle Street, Map 31A, Lot 453**
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.

- g. **CON 023-567, SE023-1526: 0 Fisherman's Road, Map 43A, Lot 189 – Continued form April 27, 2026 & May 18, 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').

- h. **CON 023-576, SE 023-___: 115 Dogwood Street, Map 43A, Lot 258**
Notice of Intent filed by Ben Reis for construction of a single-family dwelling, associated grading and septic system. Property located within 100 feet from an Isolated Vegetated Wetland (IVW).

- i. **CON 023-577, SE 023-___: 0 Dogwood Street, Map 43A, Lots 262, 264, 266**
Notice of Intent filed by Ben Reis to remove trees and vegetation to conduct a percolation test on lots within 100 feet to an IVW.

11. 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. **June 4, 2026: Certified Notice to Appear**

- 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. **June 4, 2026: Certified Notice to Appear**

- 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. ***New owner communicated with the department that they are working with a new engineer and NOI & associated plans to be submitted for the June 29, 2026 public hearing.***

- 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. **June 4, 2026: Certified Notice to Appear**

- 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. **CON 023-576, SE 023-___: 115 Dogwood Street, Map 43A, Lot 256:** Cease and desist May 18, 2026 / June 2, 2026 Site Inspection: Site was not properly maintained; multiple stockpiles on property boundaries with potential for stormwater runoff and erosion; multiple unlined concrete washouts; trees left onsite while preparing foundation.

- g. **CON 023-578: 110 Ebony Street, Map 43A, Lot 259, 261, 263:** Cease and Desist May 18, 2026 / June 2, 2026 Site Inspection: Site was not properly maintained; multiple stockpiles on property boundaries with potential for stormwater runoff and erosion; multiple unlined concrete washouts; trees left onsite while preparing foundation.

12. General Business

- a. Discuss date & times for the next scheduled site visits
- b. Next Scheduled Public Hearing Date: June 29, 2026

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

14. Motion to adjourn

Brandon J. Estrella, Chair

Fairhaven Conservation Commission

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