



TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN, MASSACHUSETTS

CONSERVATION
COMMISSION



PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA
Monday, January 5, 2026 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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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 November 17, 2025 Meeting Minutes

5. Minor Field Change

a. CON 023-360: 30 Cherry Street, Map 15, Lot 047

Adjustments to the approved Determination for a deck dated July 18, 2023; change will include (4) hand-dug wood posts for an additional 7-feet in length

b. 11 Balsam Street, Map 43C, Lot 129

Adjust number of requested trees based on the ability to preserve (20) original trees

6. Certificates of Compliance

a. CON 023-497, SE 023-1498: 2 Bayside Street, Map 42, Lot 34

b. CON 023-196, SE 023-1342: 3 Hidden Drive, Map 39, Lot 27C

7. **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

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 023-544: 32 Water Street, Map 7, Lot 1

Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Old South Wharf Realty, LLC to obtain a waterways license for future uses at the facility & to authorize change in use for water dependent industrial & supporting uses on filled tidelands of the new Bedford Harbor, pursuant to Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, Chapter 91 regulations. No work is proposed as part of this submission.

c. CON 023-545: 6 Fisherman Road, Map 43A, Lot 115

Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Michael Bousquin to construct a 4'x 6' deck within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, FEMA Flood Zone, VE (El.18').

Notices of Intent

d. CON 023-522, SE 023-1508: 0 Huttleston Avenue, Map 34A, Lot 21 – Continued from August 4, 2025, August 25, 2025 & September 15, 2025

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 to the Bordering Vegetated Wetlands.

e. CON 023-535, SE 023-____: 1 Crow Island, Map 44, Lot 1

Notice of Intent filed by Kathryn Barnett for a proposed floating dock expansion as well as after-the-fact permitting of existing stone seawall, fixed dock with boat house and bulkhead within the Acushnet River for the purpose of obtaining a Chapter 91 license. Construction of a barn and associated grading within 100' buffer to a wetland resource area. Parcel located within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage (LSCSF), FEMA Flood Zone AE (El.6') and work within buffer to Coastal Bank & Land Under the Ocean.

f. CON 023-542, SE 023-1517: 1 Pavillion Way, Map 29, Lot 4H

Notice of Intent filed by John & Sylvia Collins to clear a 10-foot-wide walking path approximately 468 S.F. through vegetation to allow for access to the beach area. The construction of a 6-foot-high property boundary fence is also proposed as shown on the accompanying site plan. Work to take place within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Coastal Dune, Coastal Beach, and the buffer zone to Salt Marsh and Bordering Vegetated Wetlands.

g. CON 023-540, SE 023-1516: Ebony Street, Map 43A, Lot 322

Notice of Intent filed by Jake Galary (Relentless Real Estate Group) for the construction of a single-family dwelling & associated work. The septic system will be installed outside of the 100' buffer zone of the BVW. The portion of the proposed house, as well as filling & grading will take place ~70' from the existing BVW.

h. CON 023-543, SE 023-1518: 483 Bridge Street, Map 31, Lot 6K

Notice of Intent filed by Donna Jackson-Motta to construct a single-family dwelling with gravel driveway, septic utilities, and limited landscaping. A small portion of the proposed on-site soil absorption system and associated grading is located in the outer riparian zone. The proposed house and gravel driveway is proposed outside the riparian zone.

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

9. General Business

- a.** Next scheduled site visits: Tentatively scheduled January 20, 2026
- b.** Next Scheduled Public Hearing Date: January 26, 2026
- c.** Review 2026 Meeting Schedule Draft – Revised

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

11. Motion to adjourn

Brandon J. Estrella, Chair

Fairhaven Conservation Commission

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