



TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN, MASSACHUSETTS

CONSERVATION  
COMMISSION

PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA



**Monday, October 26, 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 – *Applicant requests to continue to November 16, 2026*
- b. CON 023-587, SE 023-1537: 162 Main Street, Map 12, Lot 8 — *Applicant requests to continue to November 16, 2026*

**5. Approval of the August 31 and September 21 Meeting Minutes**

**6. Request for Extension**

- a. CON 023-090, SE 023-1307: 36 Charity Stevens Lane – Extension for 12 months

**7. Certificates of Compliance**

- a. **CON 023-595, SE 023-1010: 16 Reservation Road, Map 29A Lot 213**

**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**

**Requests for Determination of Applicability**

- a. **CON 023-596: 4 Ruth Street, Map 43 Lot 140-142** – Replace existing vinyl fence on south side of the property with masonry wall.

**Notices of Intent**

- b. **CON 023-592, SE 023-\_\_ : 48-50 Fort Street, Map 5, Lot 16** - Notice of Intent filed by Kevin McLaughlin (Rodman Candle Works Realty, LLC) which proposes the following: removal of the easternmost float system; install (2) floats to the west of the main wharf including a 10'x135' float and a 14'x50' float; install two 7'x20' travel lift pier extensions and two 6.6'x10' pier extensions and an 8'x60' float with 3'x25' ramp to replace 5'-8'x150' pile supported pier to the north; and the existing wave break will be removed and a 10'x80' pile anchored wave break will be installed to replace it.
- c. **CON 023-581, SE 023-1531: 0 Huttleston Avenue, Map 34A, Lot 21** – *Continued from October 5, 2026*  
Notice of Intent filed by Barton Bruffee for the construction of a single-family dwelling, associated driveway and utilities within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to the Bordering Vegetated Wetland (BVW).
- d. **CON 023-597, SE 023-1541: 1 Calumet Road, Map 29B Lot 582-584 & 692-630** - The Applicant proposes to mitigate ongoing erosion caused by various coastal storm events by installing sloped stone protection.
- e. **CON 023-591, SE 023-1539: 10 Oxford Street, Map 12, Lot 2** – *Applicant requested a continuance to November 16, 2026*  
Notice of Intent filed by James L. & Renee P. Novakoff to construct a 4' wide x 75' long pile supported timber pier with a 3.33'x20' aluminum gangway and 10'x20' float as its terminus. The pier supports will consist of 12" diameter southern yellow pine (P.T.), timber installed in pairs at 20' on center; total of 8 pier support piles. The pier will have a cantilevered seating bench on the north side near its seaward end. The deck will be set at elevation 6.5. The distance between the bottom of the stringer and existing grade at the base of the seawall will be approximately 8.2'.

**9. 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; Ratified Enforcement Order June 15, 2026; Fee paid July 21, 2026.

- 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*; Ratified Enforcement Order June 15, 2026.

**10. General Business**

- a. Discussion and potential action regarding the collection of unpaid non-criminal Conservation Violation fines and enforcement orders by establishing a municipal charges lien on property tax bills pursuant to **M.G.L. c. 40, § 58** (Municipal Charges Lien).

- b. Next Scheduled Public Hearing Date: November 16, 2026

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

**12. Motion to adjourn**

**Brandon J. Estrella, Chair**

Fairhaven Conservation Commission

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